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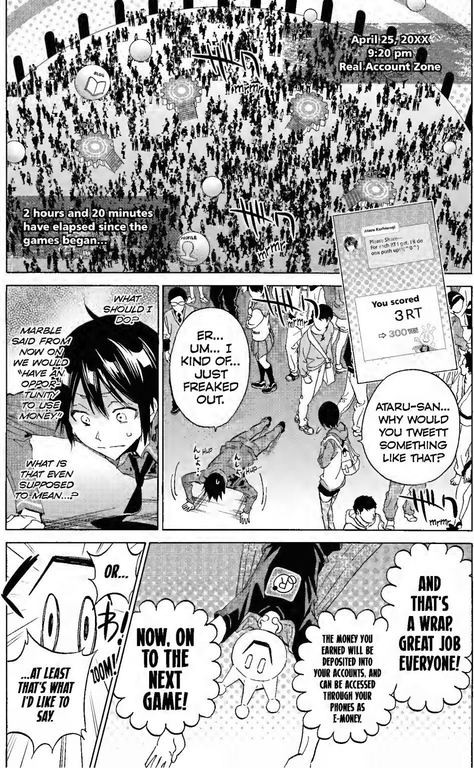
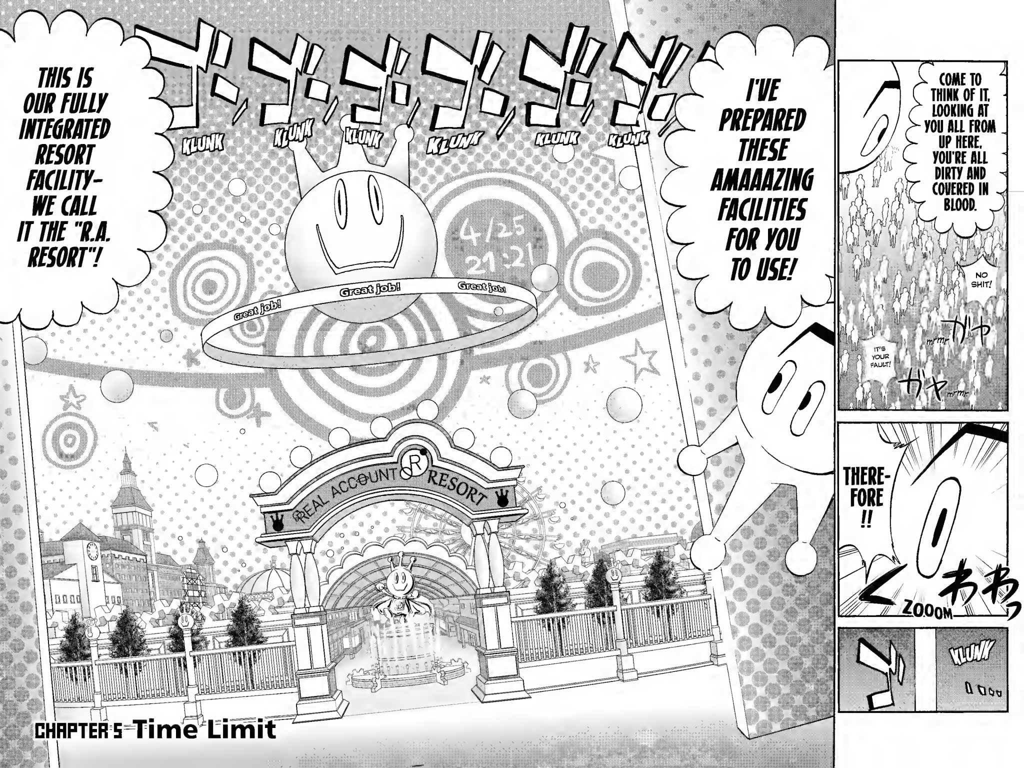
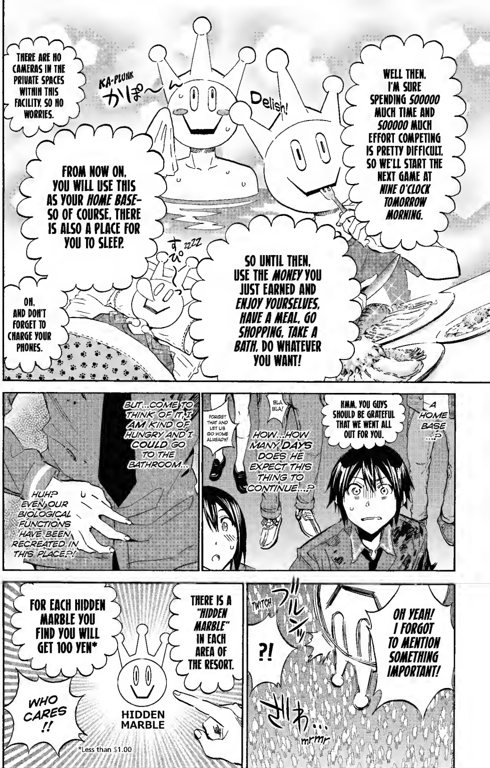
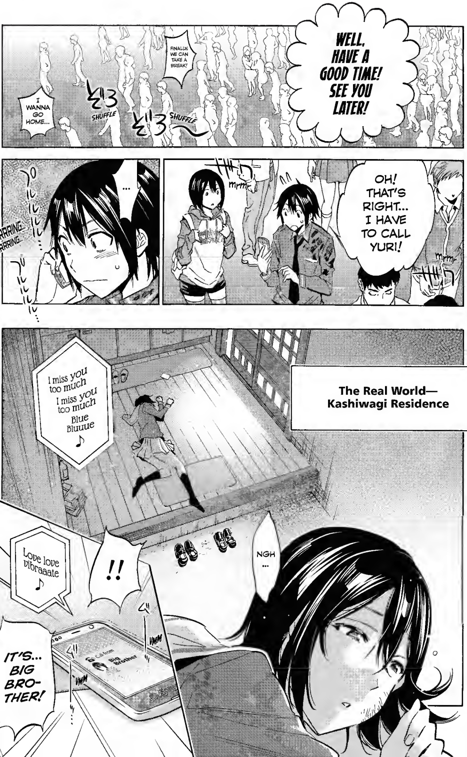

April 25, 20XX
9:20 pm
Real Account Zone
mrmr
2 hours and 20 minutes have elapsed since the games began...
BLOG
PROFILE
mrmr
Ataru Kashiwagi
Please Share— For each RT I get, I'll do one push up!!(^0^)
You scored 3RT
⇨ 300 YEN
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MARBLE SAID FROM NOW ON WE WOULD "HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE MONEY"
WHAT IS THAT EVEN SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
mrmr
ER... UM... I KIND OF... JUST FREAKED OUT.
Hup
Hup...
ATARU-SAN... WHY WOULD YOU TWEETT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
mrmr
AND THAT'S A WRAP. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!
THE MONEY YOU EARNED WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO YOUR ACCOUNTS, AND CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH YOUR PHONES AS E-MONEY.
NOW, ON TO THE NEXT GAME!
OR...
ZOOM!
...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY.

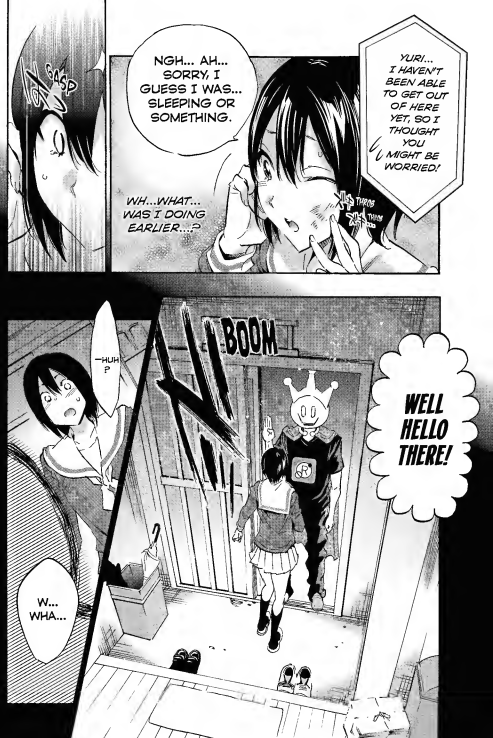
CHAPTER 5 Time Limit

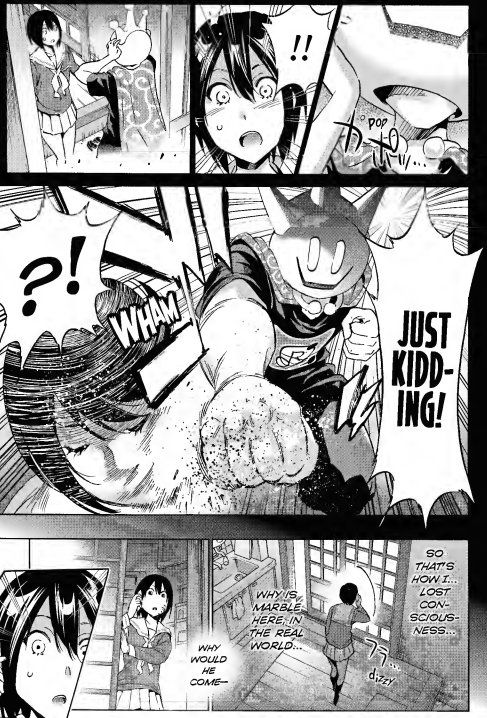

COME TO THINK OF IT, LOOKING AT YOU ALL FROM UP HERE, YOU'RE ALL DIRTY AND COVERED IN BLOOD.
NO SHIT!
ガヤ mrmr
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
ガヤ mrmr
THEREFORE !!
わわっ ZOOOM
KLUNK
ゴン ゴン ゴン ゴン ゴン ゴン
KLUNK KLUNK KLUNK KLUNK KLUNK KLUNK
THIS IS OUR FULLY INTEGRATED RESORT FACILITY- WE CALL IT THE "R.A. RESORT"!
I'VE PREPARED THESE AMAAAZING FACILITIES FOR YOU TO USE!
4/25 21:21
Great job!
Great job!
Great job!
REAL ACCOUNT RESORT

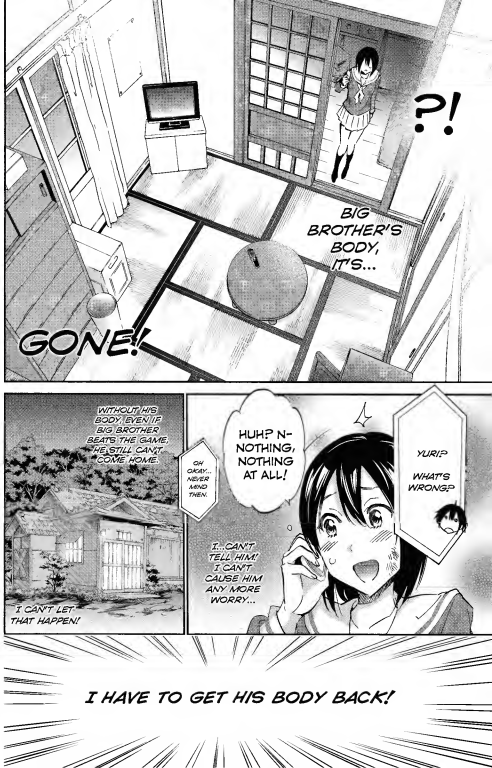

WELL THEN, I'M SURE SPENDING *SOOOOO* MUCH TIME AND *SOOOOO* MUCH EFFORT COMPETING IS PRETTY DIFFICULT, SO WE'LL START THE NEXT GAME AT *NINE O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING.*
Delish!
KA-PLUNK かぽ〜ん
SO UNTIL THEN, USE THE *MONEY* YOU JUST EARNED AND *ENJOY YOURSELVES, HAVE A MEAL, GO SHOPPING, TAKE A BATH,* DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL USE THIS AS YOUR *HOME BASE*- SO OF COURSE, THERE IS ALSO A PLACE FOR YOU TO SLEEP.
THERE ARE NO CAMERAS IN THE PRIVATE SPACES WITHIH THIS FACILITY, SO NO WORRIES.
すぴ zzzz
OH, AND DON'T FORGET TO CHARGE YOUR PHONES.
A HOME BASE ...?
HMM, YOU GUYS SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT WE WENT ALL OUT FOR YOU.
BLA BLA!
FORGET THAT AND LET US GO HOME ALREADY!
HOW...HOW MANY DAYS DOES HE EXPECT THIS THING TO CONTINUE...?
BUT...COME TO THINK OF IT, I AM KIND OF HUNGRY AND I COULD GO TO THE BATHROOM...
HUH? EVEN OUR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECREATED IN THIS PLACE?!
TWITCH ブルンッ
OH YEAH! I FORGOT TO MENTION SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
?!
ざわ... mrmr
THERE IS A "HIDDEN MARBLE" IN EACH AREA OF THE RESORT.
FOR EACH HIDDEN MARBLE YOU FIND YOU WILL GET 100 YEN*
HIDDEN MARBLE
WHO CARES !!

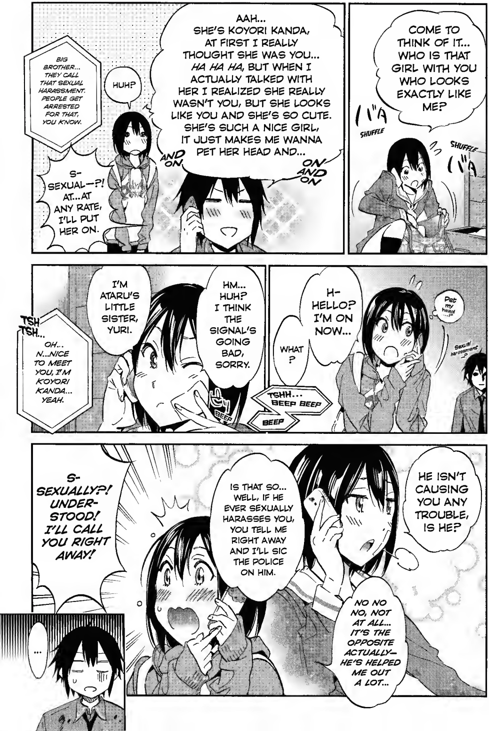
*Less than $1.00

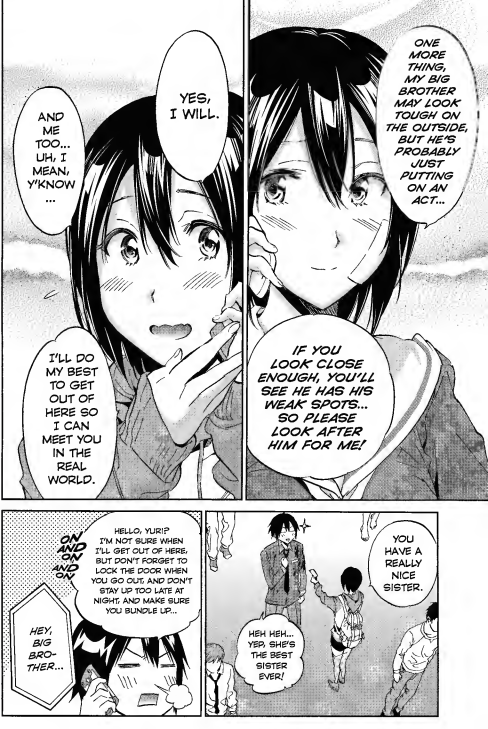
WELL, HAVE A GOOD TIME! SEE YOU LATER!
FINALLY, WE CAN TAKE A BREAK!
I WANNA GO HOME...
ぞろ SHUFFLE
ぞろ～ SHUFFLE
OH! THAT'S RIGHT... I HAVE TO CALL YURI!
ガヤ mrmr
ガヤ mrmr
...
プルルルル... BRRRRING...
プルルルル... BRRRRING...
The Real World— Kashiwagi Residence
I miss you too much I miss you too much Blue Bluuue ♪
NGH...
!!
Love love vibraaate ♪
ヴ VMM
ヴ VMM
Call from Big Brother
IT'S... BIG BROTHER!

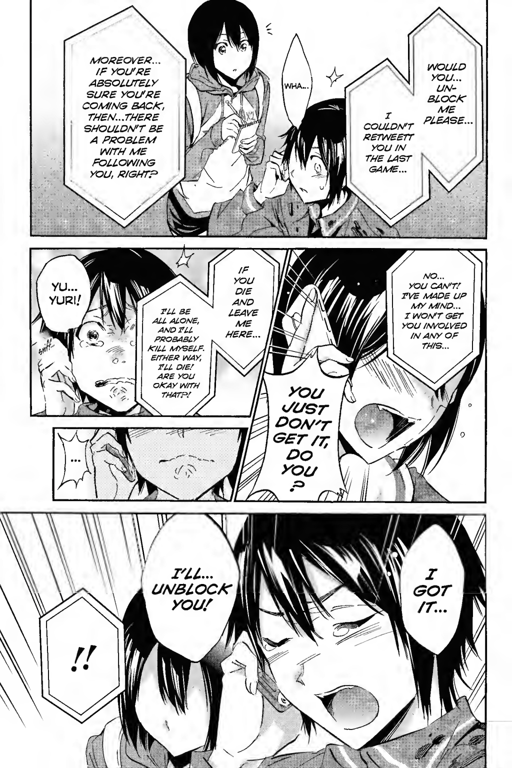

YURI... I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET OUT OF HERE YET, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE WORRIED!
NGH... AH... SORRY, I GUESS I WAS... SLEEPING OR SOMETHING.
THROB
THROB
WH...WHAT... WAS I DOING EARLIER...?
GASP
WELL HELLO THERE!
BOOM
—HUH?
W... WHA...

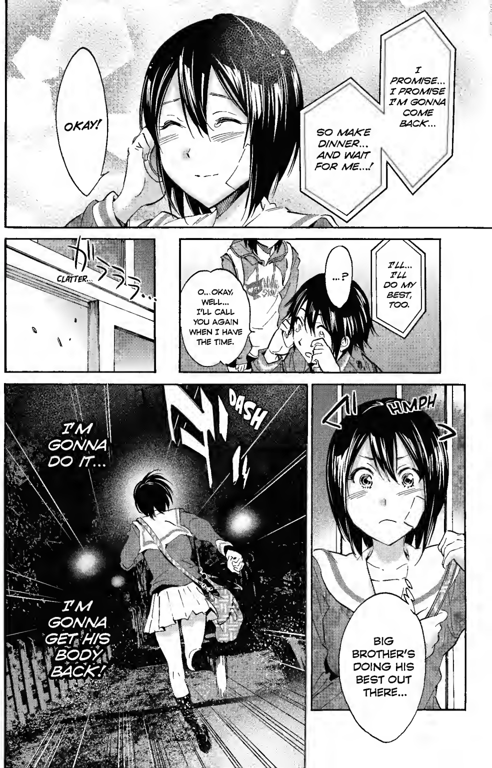

POP
!!
JUST KIDDING!
WHAM
?!
SO THAT'S HOW I... LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...
dizzy
WHY IS MARBLE HERE, IN THE REAL WORLD...
WHY WOULD HE COME—

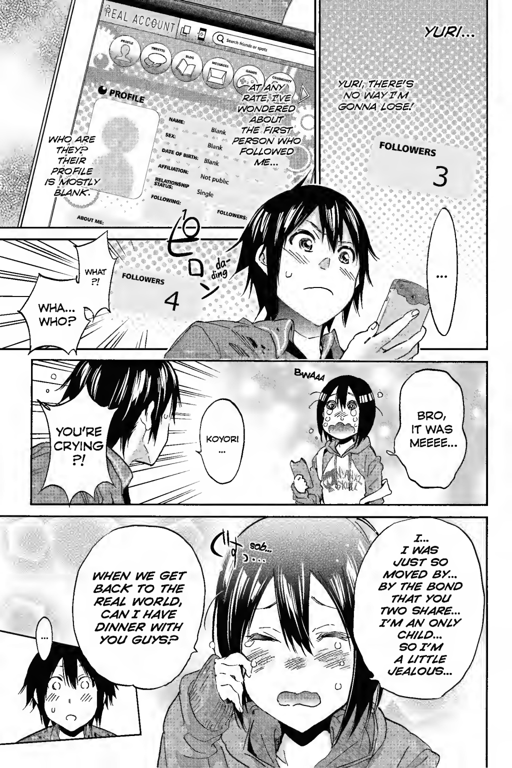

?!
BIG BROTHER'S BODY, IT'S...
GONE!
YURI? WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH? N-NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL!
OH OKAY... NEVER MIND THEN.
I...CAN'T TELL HIM! I CAN'T CAUSE HIM ANY MORE WORRY...
WITHOUT HIS BODY, EVEN IF BIG BROTHER BEATS THE GAME, HE STILL CAN'T COME HOME.
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
I HAVE TO GET HIS BODY BACK!

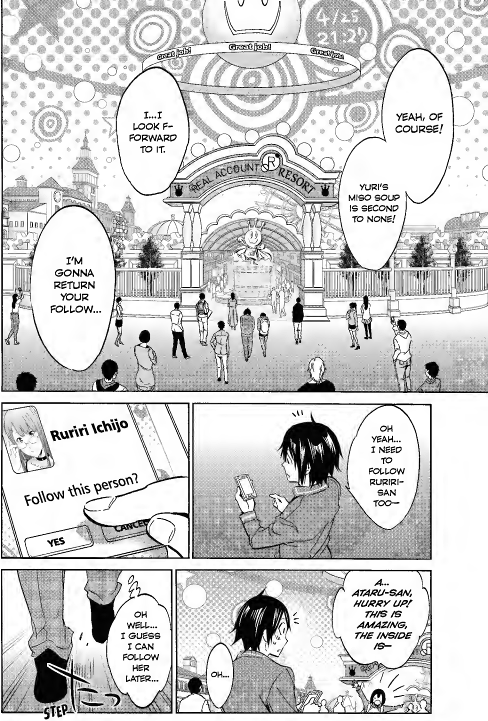

COME TO THINK OF IT... WHO IS THAT GIRL WITH YOU WHO LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME?
バ
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
バ
AAH... SHE'S KOYORI KANDA, AT FIRST I REALLY THOUGHT SHE WAS YOU... *HA HA HA*, BUT WHEN I ACTUALLY TALKED WITH HER I REALIZED SHE REALLY WASN'T YOU, BUT SHE LOOKS LIKE YOU AND SHE'S SO CUTE. SHE'S SUCH A NICE GIRL, IT JUST MAKES ME WANNA PET HER HEAD AND...
ON AND ON
AND ON
HUH?
BIG BROTHER... THEY CALL THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT. PEOPLE GET ARRESTED FOR THAT, YOU KNOW.
S-SEXUAL—?! AT...AT ANY RATE, I'LL PUT HER ON.
H-HELLO? I'M ON NOW...
Pet my head...?
Sexual harassment...?
WHAT?
TSHH... BEEP BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
HM... HUH? I THINK THE SIGNAL'S GOING BAD, SORRY.
I'M ATARU'S LITTLE SISTER, YURI.
TSH TSH...
OH... N...NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M KOYORI KANDA... YEAH.
HE ISN'T CAUSING YOU ANY TROUBLE, IS HE?
NO NO NO, NOT AT ALL... IT'S THE OPPOSITE ACTUALLY— HE'S HELPED ME OUT A LOT...
IS THAT SO... WELL, IF HE EVER SEXUALLY HARASSES YOU, YOU TELL ME RIGHT AWAY AND I'LL SIC THE POLICE ON HIM.
S-SEXUALLY?! UNDERSTOOD! I'LL CALL YOU RIGHT AWAY!
...

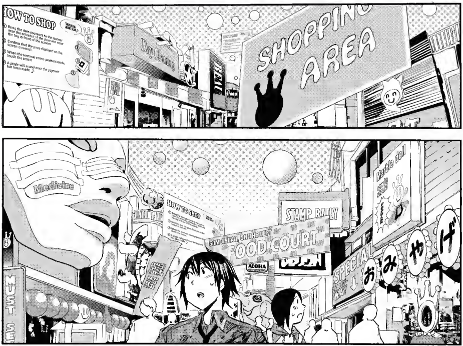

ONE MORE THING, MY BIG BROTHER MAY LOOK TOUGH ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT HE'S PROBABLY JUST PUTTING ON AN ACT...
IF YOU LOOK CLOSE ENOUGH, YOU'LL SEE HE HAS HIS WEAK SPOTS... SO PLEASE LOOK AFTER HIM FOR ME!
YES, I WILL.
AND ME TOO... UH, I MEAN, Y'KNOW...
I'LL DO MY BEST TO GET OUT OF HERE SO I CAN MEET YOU IN THE REAL WORLD.
YOU HAVE A REALLY NICE SISTER.
HEH HEH... YEP, SHE'S THE BEST SISTER EVER!
HELLO, YURI? I'M NOT SURE WHEN I'LL GET OUT OF HERE, BUT DON'T FORGET TO LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU GO OUT, AND DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE AT NIGHT, AND MAKE SURE YOU BUNDLE UP...
ON AND ON AND ON
HEY, BIG BROTHER...


WOULD YOU... UN-BLOCK ME PLEASE...
I COULDN'T RETWEETT YOU IN THE LAST GAME...
WHA...
MOREOVER... IF YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU'RE COMING BACK, THEN...THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM WITH ME FOLLOWING YOU, RIGHT?
NO... YOU CAN'T! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND... I WON'T GET YOU INVOLVED IN ANY OF THIS...
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
IF YOU DIE AND LEAVE ME HERE...
I'LL BE ALL ALONE, AND I'LL PROBABLY KILL MYSELF. EITHER WAY, I'LL DIE! ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?!
YU... YURI!
SNIFF...
...
I GOT IT...
I'LL... UNBLOCK YOU!
!!

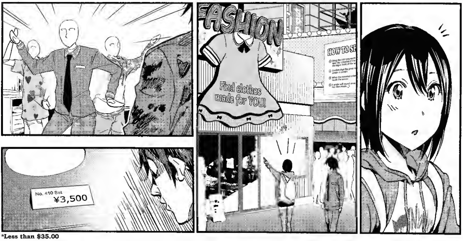

I PROMISE... I PROMISE I'M GONNA COME BACK...
SO MAKE DINNER... AND WAIT FOR ME...!
OKAY!
I'LL... I'LL DO MY BEST, TOO.
...?
O...OKAY, WELL... I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN WHEN I HAVE THE TIME.
ガラララ...
CLATTER...
HMPH
BIG BROTHER'S DOING HIS BEST OUT THERE...
DASH
I'M GONNA DO IT...
I'M GONNA GET HIS BODY BACK!


YURI...
YURI, THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA LOSE!
FOLLOWERS
3
AT ANY RATE, I'VE WONDERED ABOUT THE FIRST PERSON WHO FOLLOWED ME...
REAL ACCOUNT
Search friends or spots
PROFILE
TWEETS
BLOG
MESSAGES
GAMES
COMMUNITY
PROFILE
NAME: Blank
SEX: Blank
DATE OF BIRTH: Blank
AFFILIATION: Not public
RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Single
FOLLOWING:
FOLLOWERS:
ABOUT ME:
WHO ARE THEY? THEIR PROFILE IS MOSTLY BLANK.
...
da-ding
FOLLOWERS
4
WHAT?!
WHA... WHO?
BRO, IT WAS MEEEE...
BWAAA
KOYORI...
YOU'RE CRYING?!
I... I WAS JUST SO MOVED BY... BY THE BOND THAT YOU TWO SHARE... I'M AN ONLY CHILD... SO I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS...
sob...
WHEN WE GET BACK TO THE REAL WORLD, CAN I HAVE DINNER WITH YOU GUYS?
...

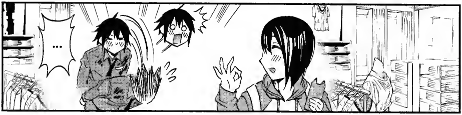

4/25 21:29
Great job! Great job! Great job!
REAL ACCOUNT RESORT
YEAH, OF COURSE!
YURI'S MISO SOUP IS SECOND TO NONE!
I...I LOOK F-FORWARD TO IT.
I'M GONNA RETURN YOUR FOLLOW...
OH YEAH... I NEED TO FOLLOW RURIRI-SAN TOO—
Ruriri Ichijo
Follow this person?
YES
CANCE
A... ATARU-SAN, HURRY UP! THIS IS AMAZING, THE INSIDE IS—
OH...
OH WELL... I GUESS I CAN FOLLOW HER LATER...
STEP

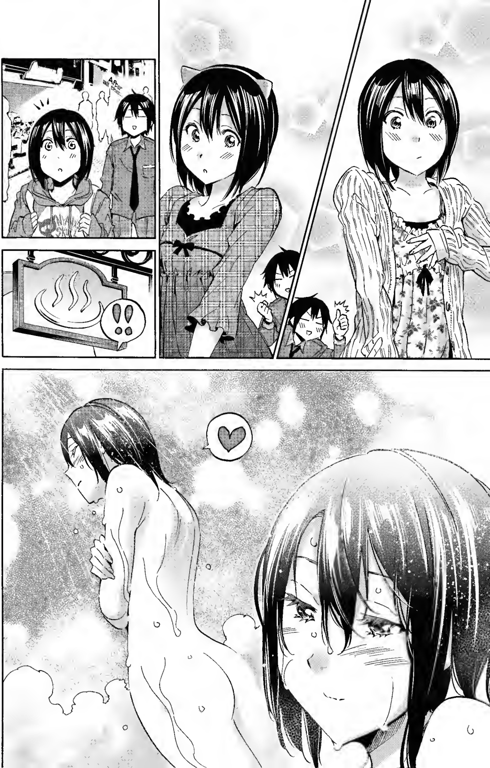

HOW TO SHOP
① Bring the item you want to the scanner near the entrance of the store and wave the tag in front of the scanner
② Confirm that the price displayed on the screen is correct.
③ When the terminal enters payment mode, touch the sensor
④ A jingle will sound once the payment has been made ♪
SHOPPING AREA
Dry Cleaning
Medicine
HOW TO SHOP
STAMP RALLY
50M AHEAD, ON THE LEFT
FOOD COURT
ALOHA
Marble doll
SPECIAL
おみやげ
MUST SE

SHOP SIGN: Souvenirs


FASHION
Find clothes made for YOU!
HOW TO SH
No. 410 Set ¥3,500

*Less than $35.00




After all that...
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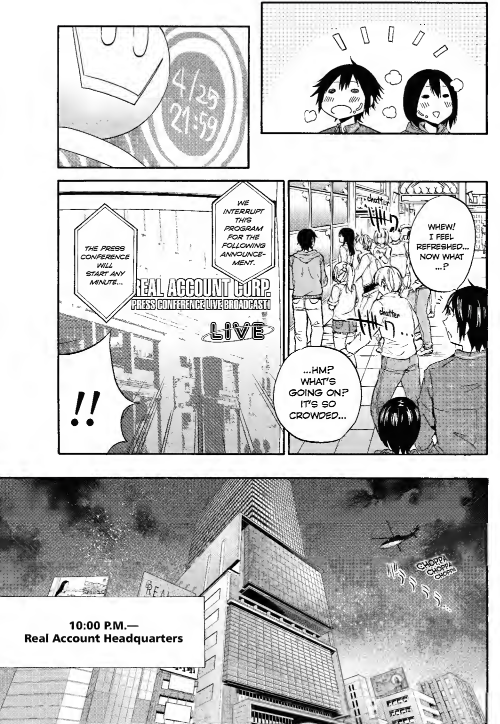
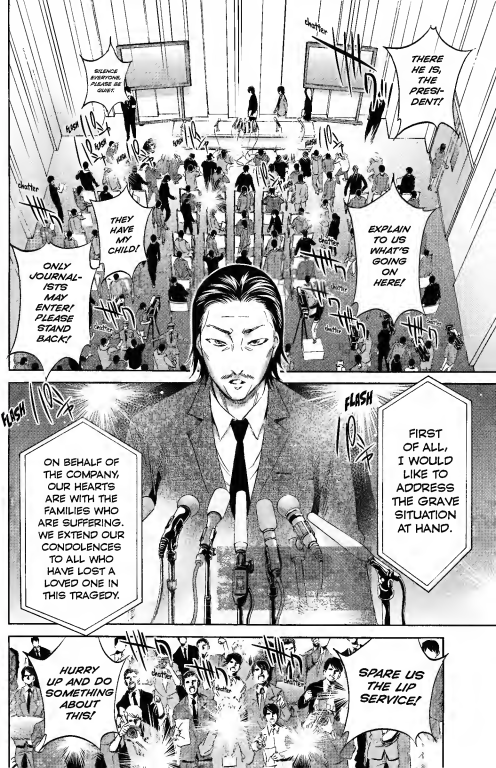
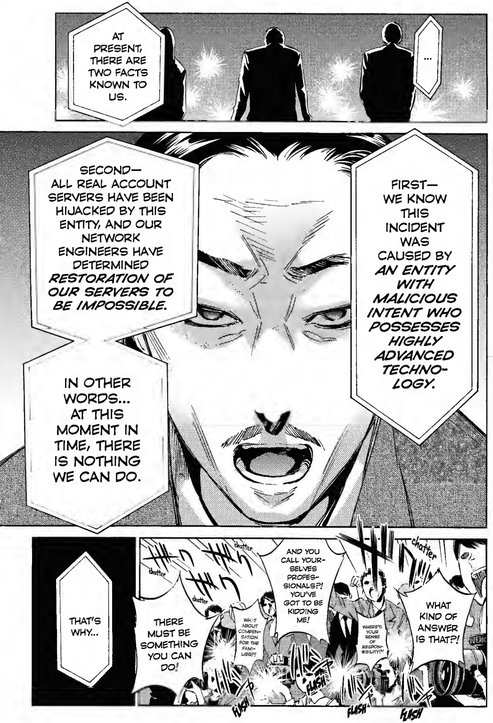
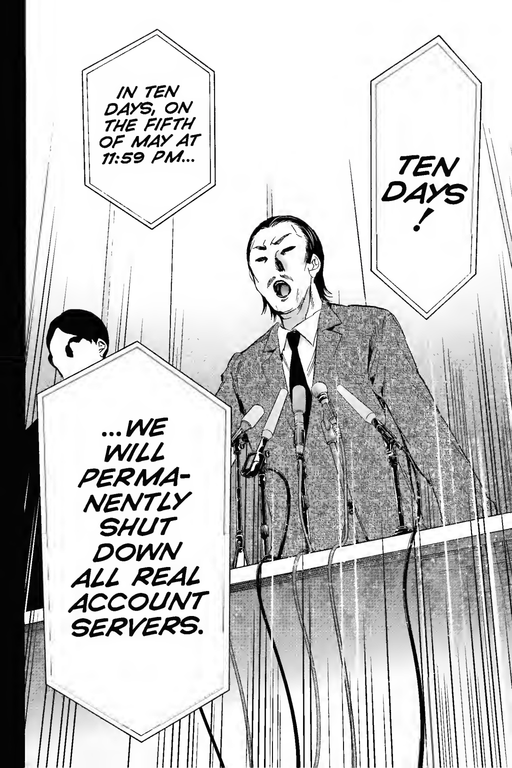
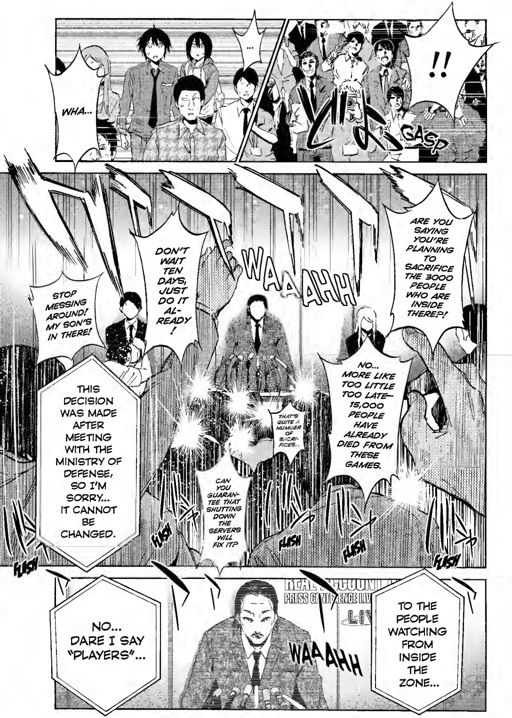
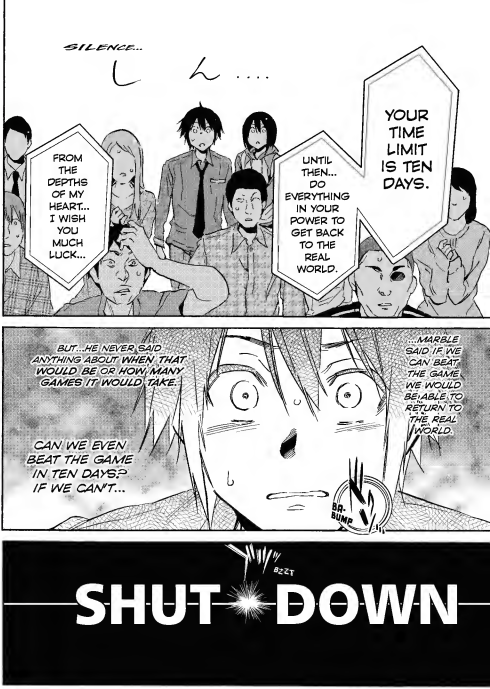

4/25
21:59
chatter
WHEW! I FEEL REFRESHED... NOW WHAT ...?
chatter
...HM? WHAT'S GOING ON? IT'S SO CROWDED...
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT.
THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL START ANY MINUTE...
REAL ACCOUNT CORP.
PRESS CONFERENCE LIVE BROADCAST!
LIVE
!!
10:00 P.M.—
Real Account Headquarters
CHOPPA CHOPPA CHOPPA


chatter
THERE HE IS, THE PRESIDENT!
SILENCE EVERYONE, PLEASE BE QUIET.
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
EXPLAIN TO US WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
chatter
chatter
chatter
chatter
THEY HAVE MY CHILD!
chatter
ONLY JOURNALISTS MAY ENTER! PLEASE STAND BACK!
chatter
FLASH
FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE GRAVE SITUATION AT HAND.
FLASH
ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY, OUR HEARTS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING. WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE IN THIS TRAGEDY.
SPARE US THE LIP SERVICE!
chatter
chatter
chatter
HURRY UP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!


...
AT PRESENT, THERE ARE TWO FACTS KNOWN TO US.
FIRST— WE KNOW THIS INCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY *AN ENTITY WITH MALICIOUS INTENT WHO POSSESSES HIGHLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.*
SECOND— ALL REAL ACCOUNT SERVERS HAVE BEEN HIJACKED BY THIS ENTITY, AND OUR NETWORK ENGINEERS HAVE DETERMINED *RESTORATION OF OUR SERVERS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE.*
IN OTHER WORDS... AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO.
chatter
WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?!
WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY?!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELVES PROFESSIONALS?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
chatter
WHAT ABOUT COMPENSATION FOR THE FAMILIES?!
chatter
chatter
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO!
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
THAT'S WHY...

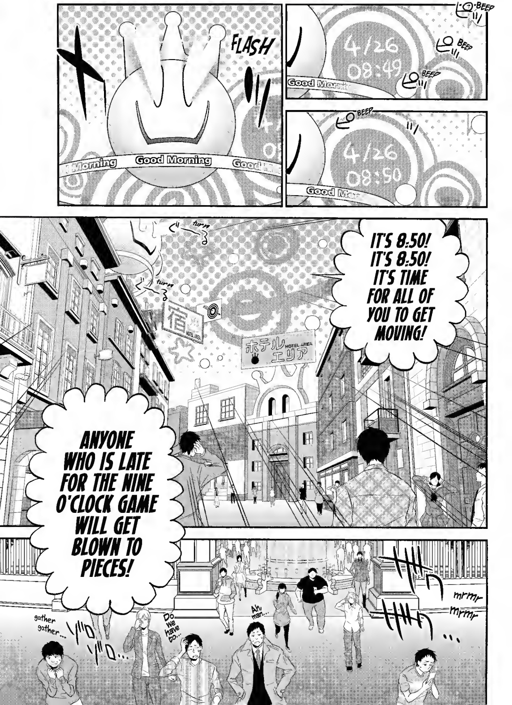

IN TEN DAYS, ON THE FIFTH OF MAY AT 11:59 PM...
TEN DAYS!
...WE WILL PERMANENTLY SHUT DOWN ALL REAL ACCOUNT SERVERS.

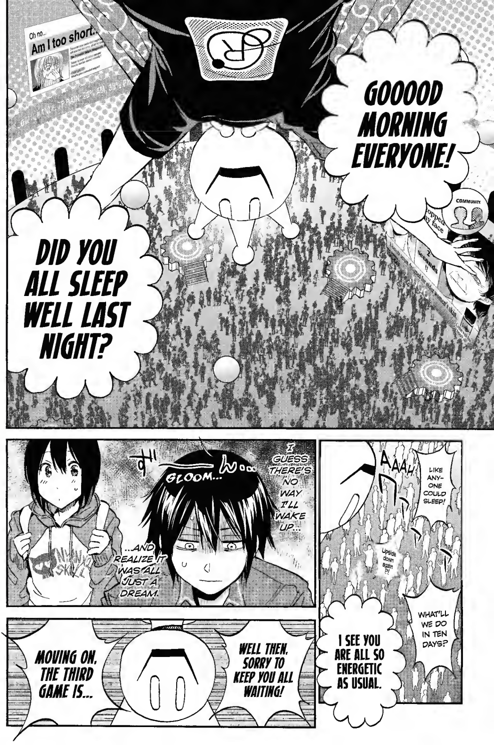

!!
GASP
...
WHA...
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE PLANNING TO SACRIFICE THE 3000 PEOPLE WHO ARE INSIDE THERE?!
WAAAHH
DON'T WAIT TEN DAYS, JUST DO IT ALREADY!
STOP MESSING AROUND! MY SON'S IN THERE!
NO... MORE LIKE TOO LITTLE TOO LATE—15,000 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY DIED FROM THESE GAMES.
THAT'S QUITE A NUMBER OF SACRIFICES...
CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT SHUTTING DOWN THE SERVERS WILL FIX IT?
THIS DECISION WAS MADE AFTER MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SO I'M SORRY... IT CANNOT BE CHANGED.
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
PRESS CONFERENCE LIVE
TO THE PEOPLE WATCHING FROM INSIDE THE ZONE...
WAAAHH
NO... DARE I SAY "PLAYERS"...

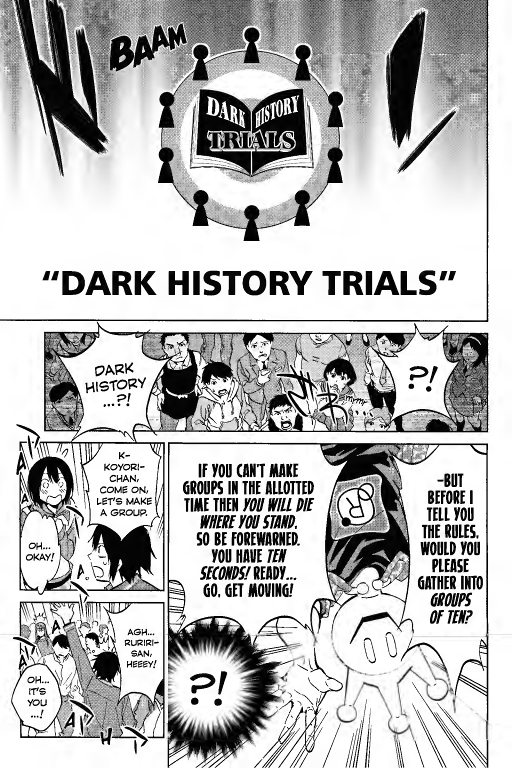

SILENCE...
しん....
YOUR TIME LIMIT IS TEN DAYS.
UNTIL THEN... DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO GET BACK TO THE REAL WORLD.
FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART... I WISH YOU MUCH LUCK...
...MARBLE SAID IF WE CAN BEAT THE GAME WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE REAL WORLD.
BUT...HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WHEN THAT WOULD BE OR HOW MANY GAMES IT WOULD TAKE.
CAN WE EVEN BEAT THE GAME IN TEN DAYS? IF WE CAN'T...
BA-BUMP
BZZT
SHUT DOWN

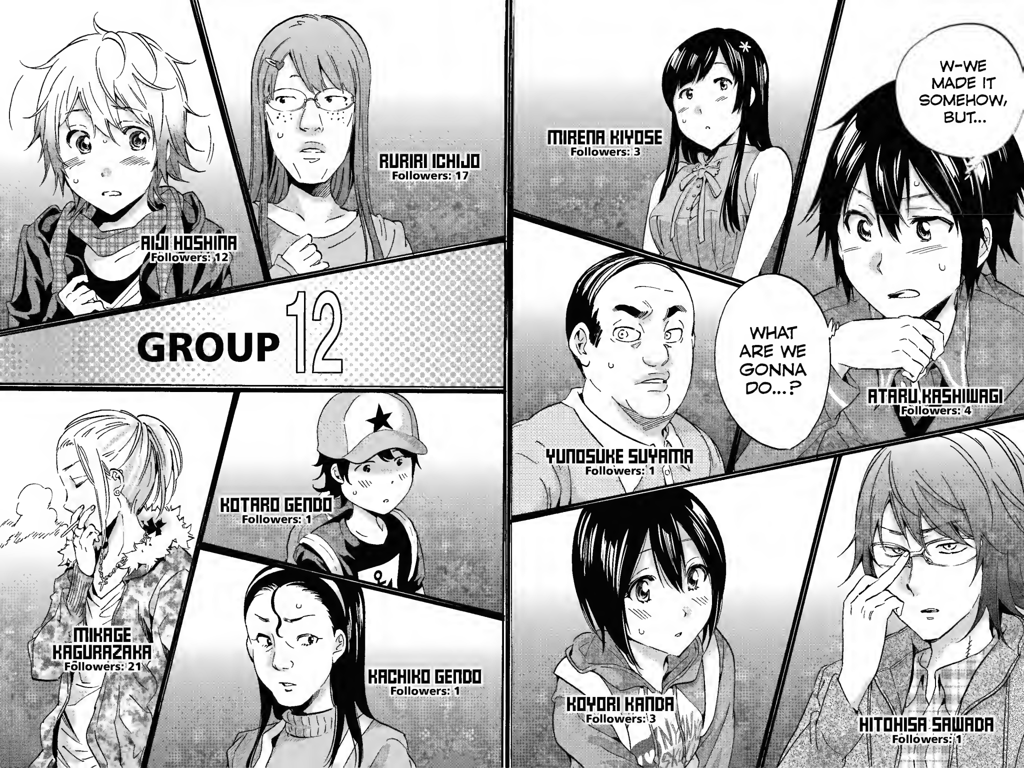
To be continued...

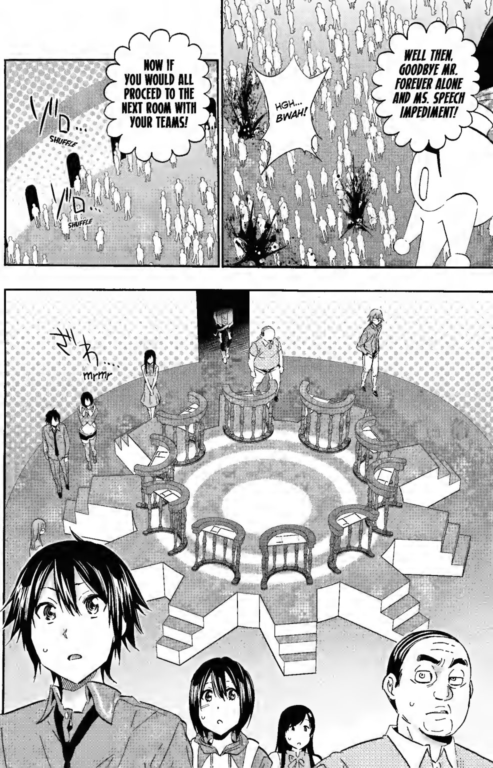
CHAPTER 6 Dark History Trials

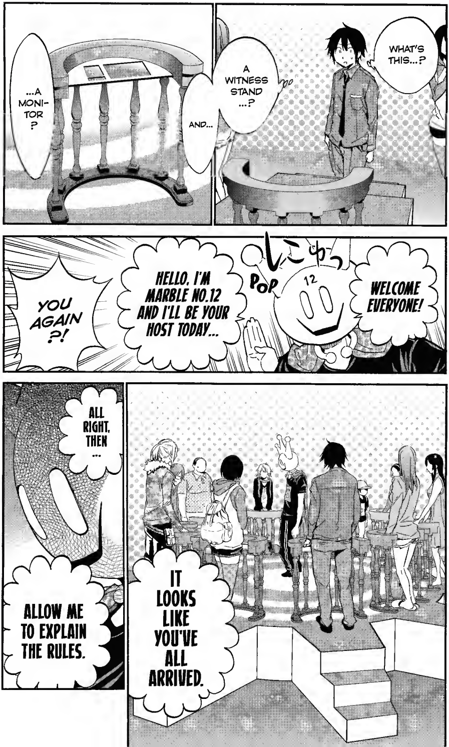

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
4/26 08:49
Good Morni
BEEP
4/26 08:50
Good Mor
FLASH
Morning Good Morning Good
turn
turn
宿 HOTEL AREA
ホテル エリア HOTEL AREA
IT'S 8:50! IT'S 8:50! IT'S TIME FOR ALL OF YOU TO GET MOVING!
ANYONE WHO IS LATE FOR THE NINE O'CLOCK GAME WILL GET BLOWN TO PIECES!
mrmr
mrmr
...
Ah man...
Do we have to...
gather gather...

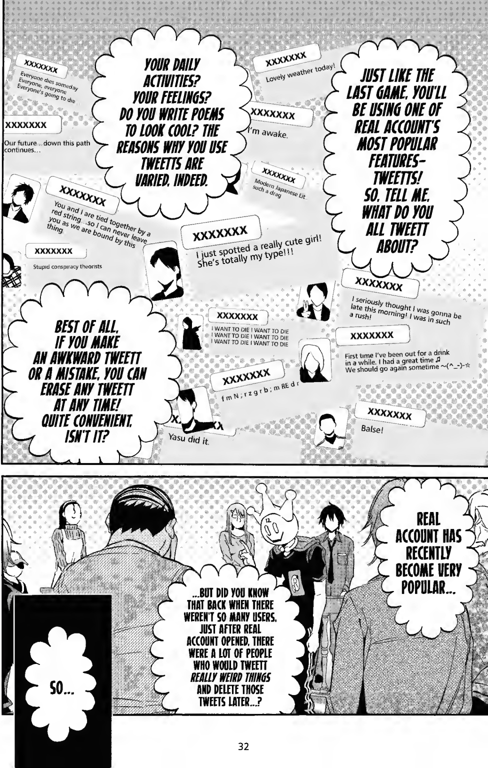

Oh no...
Am I too short..
COMMUNITY
2 seconds !!
for older women's skin
GOOOOD MORNING EVERYONE!
DID YOU ALL SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT?
AAAH
LIKE ANY-ONE COULD SLEEP!
Upside down again ?!
WHAT'LL WE DO IN TEN DAYS?
I SEE YOU ARE ALL SO ENERGETIC AS USUAL.
I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY I'LL WAKE UP...
...AND REALIZE IT WAS ALL JUST A DREAM.
GLOOM...
WELL THEN, SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING!
MOVING ON, THE THIRD GAME IS...

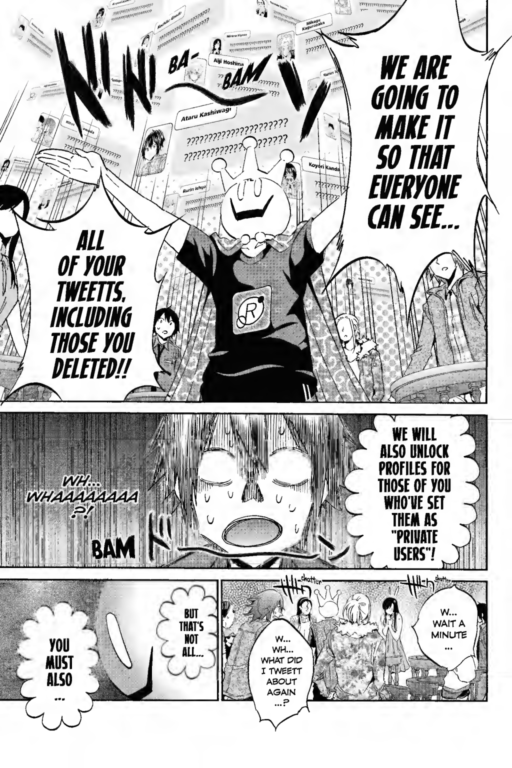

BAAM
DARK HISTORY TRIALS
"DARK HISTORY TRIALS"
?!
mrmr
DARK HISTORY ...?!
-BUT BEFORE I TELL YOU THE RULES, WOULD YOU PLEASE GATHER INTO *GROUPS OF TEN?*
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE GROUPS IN THE ALLOTTED TIME THEN *YOU WILL DIE WHERE YOU STAND*. SO BE FOREWARNED. YOU HAVE *TEN SECONDS!* READY... GO, GET MOVING!
?!
K-KOYORI-CHAN, COME ON, LET'S MAKE A GROUP.
OH... OKAY!
AGH... RURIRI-SAN, HEEEY!
OH... IT'S YOU ...!

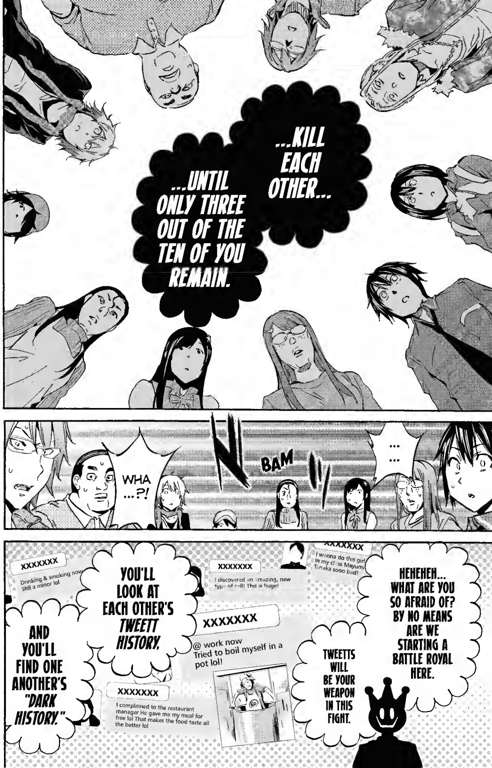

W-WE MADE IT SOMEHOW, BUT...
MIRENA KIYOSE
Followers: 3
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO...?
ATARU KASHIWAGI
Followers: 4
YUNOSUKE SUYAMA
Followers: 1
HITOHISA SAWADA
Followers: 1
KOYORI KANDA
Followers: 3
RURIRI ICHIJO
Followers: 17
AIJI HOSHINA
Followers: 12
GROUP 12
KOTARO GENDO
Followers: 1
MIKAGE KAGURAZAKA
Followers: 21
KACHIKO GENDO
Followers: 1


WELL THEN, GOODBYE MR. FOREVER ALONE AND MS. SPEECH IMPEDIMENT!
HGH... BWAH!
NOW IF YOU WOULD ALL PROCEED TO THE NEXT ROOM WITH YOUR TEAMS!
ゾロ... SHUFFLE
ゾロ... SHUFFLE
ざわ.... mrmr


WHAT'S THIS...?
A WITNESS STAND ...?
AND...
...A MONI-TOR ?
WELCOME EVERYONE!
12
POP
HELLO, I'M MARBLE NO.12 AND I'LL BE YOUR HOST TODAY...
YOU AGAIN ?!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE ALL ARRIVED.
ALL RIGHT, THEN ...
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE RULES.


JUST LIKE THE LAST GAME, YOU'LL BE USING ONE OF REAL ACCOUNT'S MOST POPULAR FEATURES– TWEETTS! SO, TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU ALL TWEETT ABOUT?
YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES? YOUR FEELINGS? DO YOU WRITE POEMS TO LOOK COOL? THE REASONS WHY YOU USE TWEETTS ARE VARIED, INDEED.
XXXXXXX
Lovely weather today!
XXXXXXX
Everyone dies someday
Everyone, everyone
Everyone's going to die
XXXXXXX
I'm awake.
XXXXXXX
Our future... down this path continues...
XXXXXXX
Modern Japanese Lit such a drag
XXXXXXX
You and I are tied together by a red string...so I can never leave you as we are bound by this thing
XXXXXXX
I just spotted a really cute girl! She's totally my type!!!
XXXXXXX
Stupid conspiracy theorists
XXXXXXX
I seriously thought I was gonna be late this morning! I was in such a rush!
XXXXXXX
I WANT TO DIE I WANT TO DIE
I WANT TO DIE I WANT TO DIE
I WANT TO DIE I WANT TO DIE
XXXXXXX
First time I've been out for a drink in a while. I had a great time ♫
We should go again sometime ~(^_-)-☆
XXXXXXX
fmN;rzgrb;mREdr
XXXXXXX
Balse!
Yasu did it.
BEST OF ALL, IF YOU MAKE AN AWKWARD TWEETT OR A MISTAKE, YOU CAN ERASE ANY TWEETT AT ANY TIME! QUITE CONVENIENT, ISN'T IT?
REAL ACCOUNT HAS RECENTLY BECOME VERY POPULAR...
...BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT BACK WHEN THERE WEREN'T SO MANY USERS, JUST AFTER REAL ACCOUNT OPENED, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD TWEETT *REALLY WEIRD THINGS* AND DELETE THOSE TWEETS LATER...?
SO...


WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE...
NI NI
BA-BAM
ALL OF YOUR TWEETTS, INCLUDING THOSE YOU DELETED!!
Mikage Kagurazaka
Aiji Hoshina
Ataru Kashiwagi
Koyori Kanda
Rurin Ichiyo
WE WILL ALSO UNLOCK PROFILES FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE SET THEM AS "PRIVATE USERS"!
WH... WHAAAAAAAA?!
BAM
chatter
chatter
W... WAIT A MINUTE ...
W... WH... WHAT DID I TWEETT ABOUT AGAIN ...?
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...
YOU MUST ALSO ...


...KILL EACH OTHER...
...UNTIL ONLY THREE OUT OF THE TEN OF YOU REMAIN.
...
...
BAM
WHA ...?!
HEHEHEH... WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF? BY NO MEANS ARE WE STARTING A BATTLE ROYAL HERE.
TWEETTS WILL BE YOUR WEAPON IN THIS FIGHT.
YOU'LL LOOK AT EACH OTHER'S *TWEETT HISTORY,*
AND YOU'LL FIND ONE ANOTHER'S *"DARK HISTORY."*

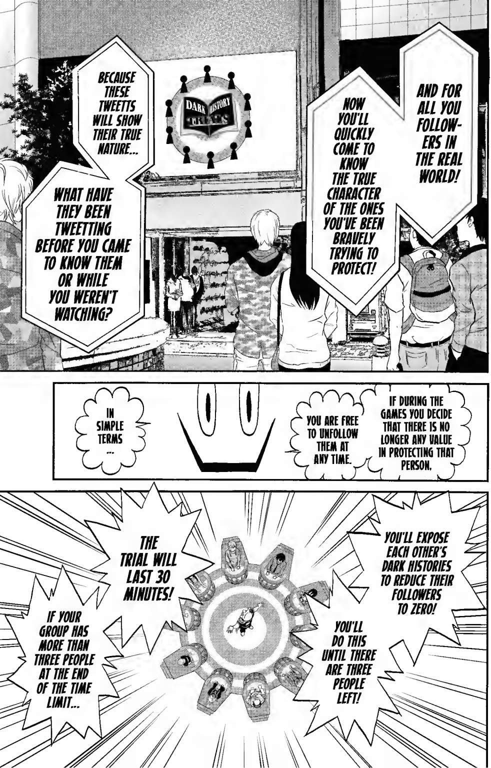
XXXXXXX
I wanna do this girl in my class Mayumi Tanaka sooo bad!

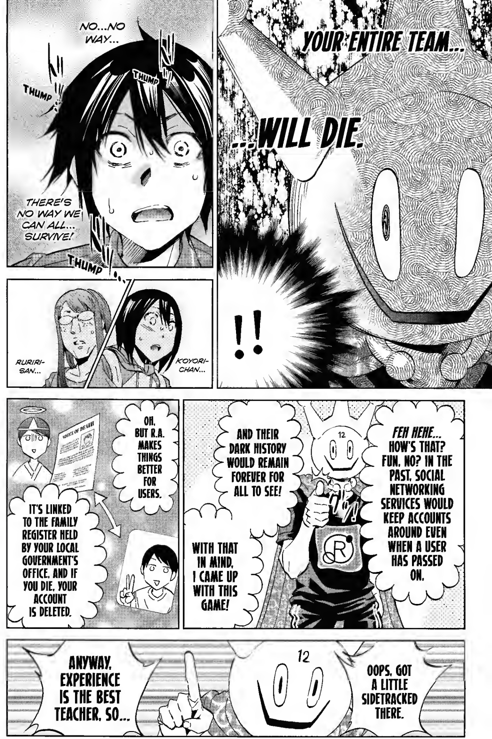
XXXXXXX
I discovered an amazing, new type of cell! This is huge!

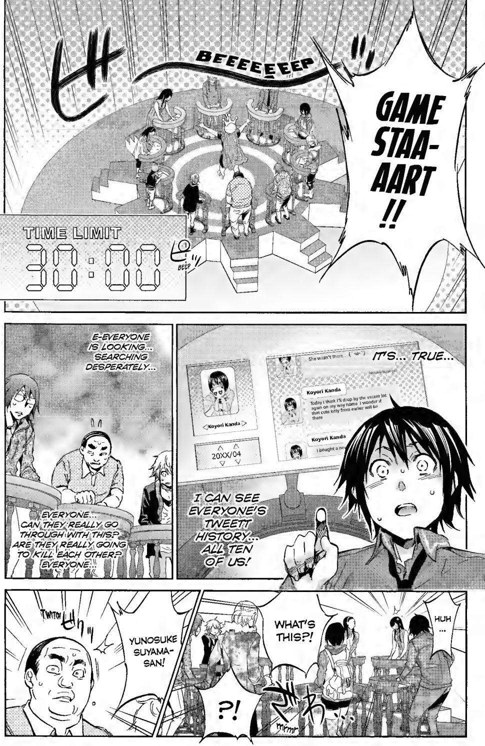
XXXXXXX
Drinking & smoking now
Still a minor lol

XXXXXXX
@ work now
Tried to boil myself in a pot lol!

XXXXXXX
I complained to the restaurant manager He gave me my meal for free lol That makes the food taste all the better lol


AND FOR ALL YOU FOLLOWERS IN THE REAL WORLD!
NOW YOU'LL QUICKLY COME TO KNOW THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE ONES YOU'VE BEEN BRAVELY TRYING TO PROTECT!
DARK HISTORY TRIALS
BECAUSE THESE TWEETTS WILL SHOW THEIR TRUE NATURE...
WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN TWEETTING BEFORE YOU CAME TO KNOW THEM OR WHILE YOU WEREN'T WATCHING?
IF DURING THE GAMES YOU DECIDE THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY VALUE IN PROTECTING THAT PERSON,
YOU ARE FREE TO UNFOLLOW THEM AT ANY TIME.
IN SIMPLE TERMS ...
YOU'LL EXPOSE EACH OTHER'S DARK HISTORIES TO REDUCE THEIR FOLLOWERS TO ZERO!
YOU'LL DO THIS UNTIL THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE LEFT!
THE TRIAL WILL LAST 30 MINUTES!
IF YOUR GROUP HAS MORE THAN THREE PEOPLE AT THE END OF THE TIME LIMIT...


YOUR ENTIRE TEAM...
...WILL DIE.
!!
NO...NO WAY...
THUMP
THUMP
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN ALL... SURVIVE!
THUMP
KOYORI-CHAN...
RURIRI-SAN...
FEH HEHE... HOW'S THAT? FUN, NO? IN THE PAST, SOCIAL NETWORKING SERVICES WOULD KEEP ACCOUNTS AROUND EVEN WHEN A USER HAS PASSED ON.
12
AND THEIR DARK HISTORY WOULD REMAIN FOREVER FOR ALL TO SEE!
WITH THAT IN MIND, I CAME UP WITH THIS GAME!
OH, BUT R.A. MAKES THINGS BETTER FOR USERS.
NOTICE OF DEATH
IT'S LINKED TO THE FAMILY REGISTER HELD BY YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE, AND IF YOU DIE, YOUR ACCOUNT IS DELETED.
OOPS, GOT A LITTLE SIDETRACKED THERE.
12
ANYWAY, EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER, SO...


ピー
BEEEEEEEP
GAME STAA-AART!!
TIME LIMIT
30:00
ピ
BEEP
IT'S... TRUE...
I CAN SEE EVERYONE'S TWEETT HISTORY... ALL TEN OF US!
E-EVERYONE IS LOOKING... SEARCHING DESPERATELY...
EVERYONE... CAN THEY REALLY GO THROUGH WITH THIS? ARE THEY REALLY GOING TO KILL EACH OTHER? EVERYONE...
HUH...
WHAT'S THIS?!
ざわ
mrmr
?!
YUNOSUKE SUYAMA-SAN!
ビクッ
TWITCH

◁Koyori Kanda▷

20XX/04

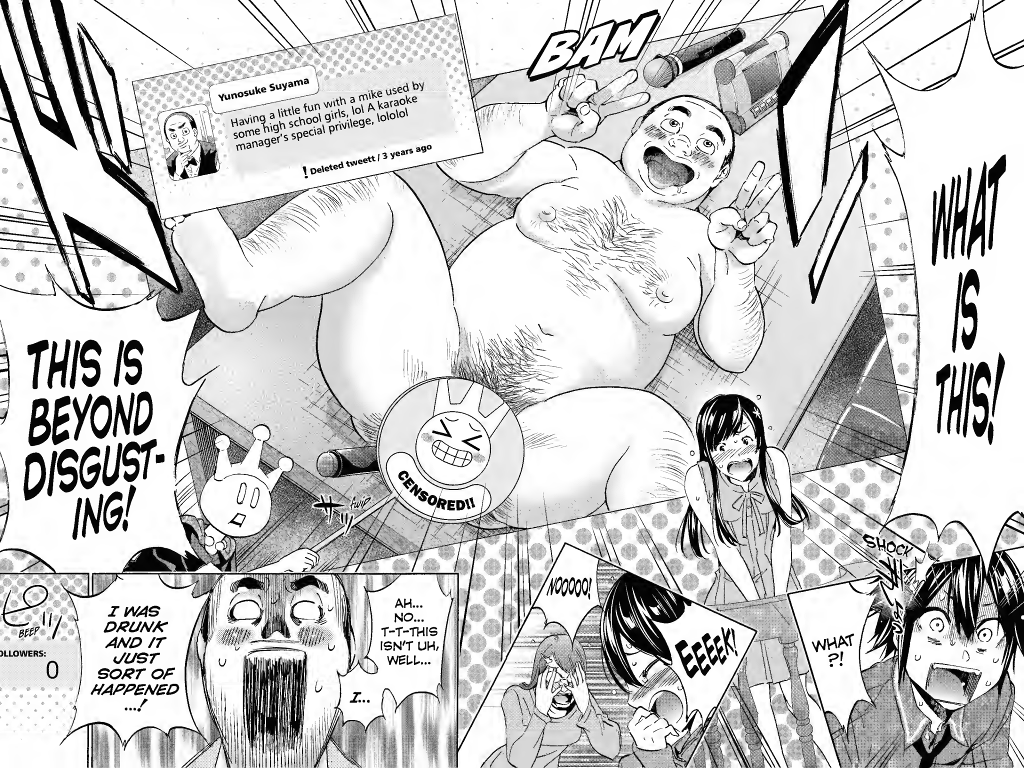
...She wasn't there... (´･ω･`)

Koyori Kanda

Today I think I'll drop by the vacant lot again on my way home I wonder if that cute kitty from earlier will be there

Koyori Kanda

I bought a ne



Yunosuke Suyama

Having a little fun with a mike used by some high school girls, lol A karaoke manager's special privilege, lololol

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WHAT IS THIS!
BAM
THIS IS BEYOND DISGUSTING!
CENSORED!!
fwip
SHOCK
WHAT ?!
EEEEK!
NOOOOO!
AH... NO... T-T-THIS ISN'T UH, WELL...
I...
I WAS DRUNK AND IT JUST SORT OF HAPPENED ...!
BEEP
OLLOWERS:
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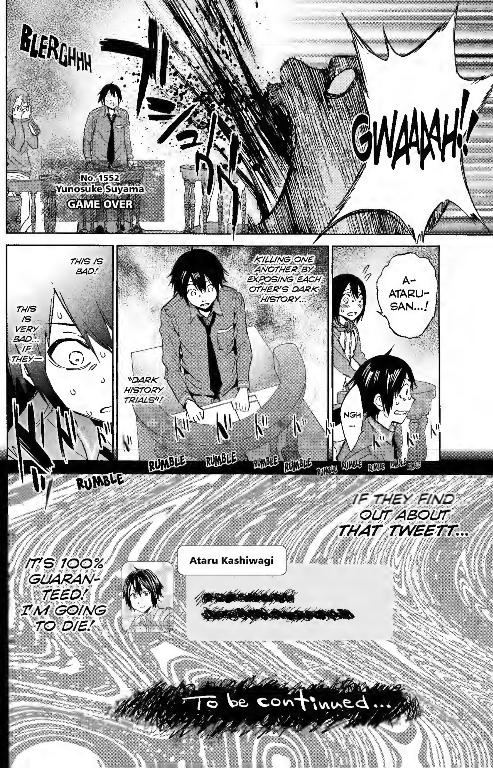
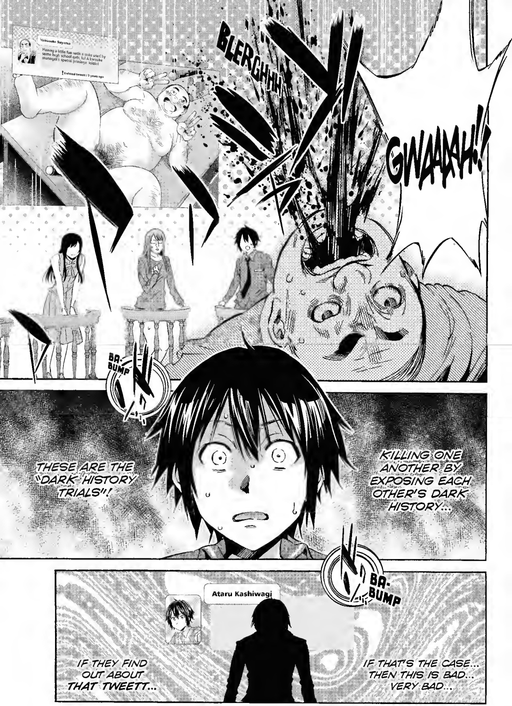

GWAAAH!!
ブシュウゥ
BLERGHHH
No. 1552
Yunosuke Suyama
GAME OVER
A-ATARU-SAN...!
NGH...
KILLING ONE ANOTHER BY EXPOSING EACH OTHER'S DARK HISTORY...
"DARK HISTORY TRIALS"!
THIS IS BAD!
THIS IS VERY BAD... IF THEY—
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THAT TWEETT...
Ataru Kashiwagi
[redacted]
IT'S 100% GUARANTEED! I'M GOING TO DIE!
To be continued...


Yunosuke Suyama
Having a little fun with a mike used by some high school girls, lol A karaoke manager's special privilege lololol
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BLERGHHH
GWAAAAH!?
BA-BUMP
THESE ARE THE "DARK HISTORY TRIALS"!
KILLING ONE ANOTHER BY EXPOSING EACH OTHER'S DARK HISTORY...
BA-BUMP
Ataru Kashiwagi
IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT THAT TWEETT...
IF THAT'S THE CASE... THEN THIS IS BAD... VERY BAD...

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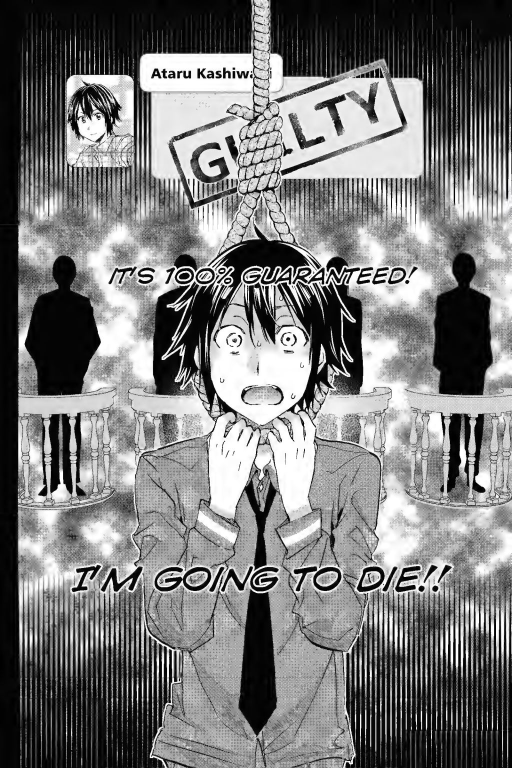
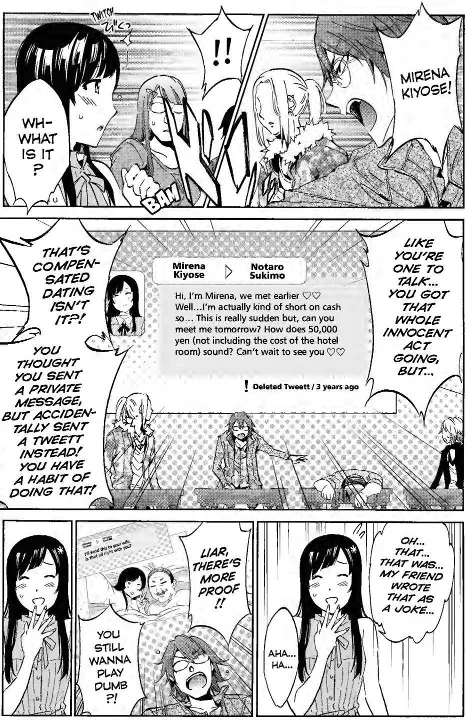

Ataru Kashiwa
G LTY
IT'S 100% GUARANTEED!
I'M GOING TO DIE!!


MIRENA KIYOSE!
!!
TWITCH
びくっ
WH-WHAT IS IT?
BAM
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK... YOU GOT THAT WHOLE INNOCENT ACT GOING, BUT...

Mirena Kiyose ▷ **Notaro Sukimo**

Hi, I'm Mirena, we met earlier ♡♡ Well...I'm actually kind of short on cash so... This is really sudden but, can you meet me tomorrow? How does 50,000 yen (not including the cost of the hotel room) sound? Can't wait to see you ♡♡

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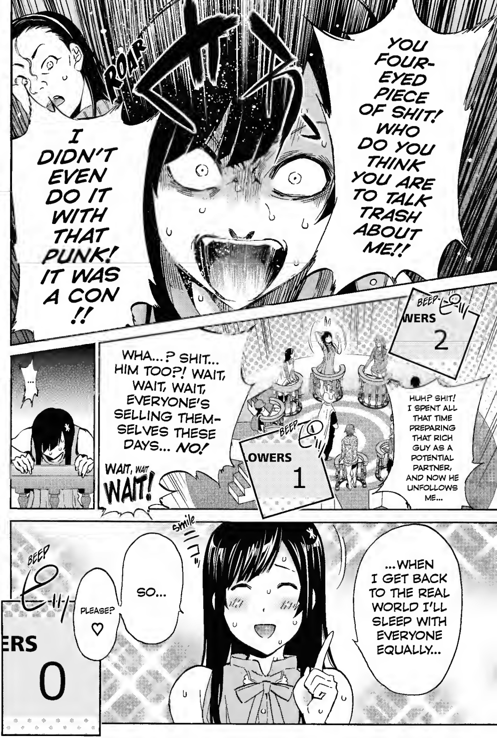
THAT'S COMPENSATED DATING ISN'T IT?!
YOU THOUGHT YOU SENT A PRIVATE MESSAGE, BUT ACCIDENTALLY SENT A TWEETT INSTEAD! YOU HAVE A HABIT OF DOING THAT!
OH... THAT... THAT WAS... MY FRIEND WROTE THAT AS A JOKE...
AHA... HA...
LIAR, THERE'S MORE PROOF!!

I'll send this to your wife. Is that all right with you?

YOU STILL WANNA PLAY DUMB?!


YOU FOUR-EYED PIECE OF SHIT! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TO TALK TRASH ABOUT ME!!
ROAR
I DIDN'T EVEN DO IT WITH THAT PUNK! IT WAS A CON!!
BEEP
WERS
2
HUH? SHIT! I SPENT ALL THAT TIME PREPARING THAT RICH GUY AS A POTENTIAL PARTNER, AND NOW HE UNFOLLOWS ME...
BEEP
LOWERS
1
WHA...? SHIT... HIM TOO?! WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, EVERYONE'S SELLING THEMSELVES THESE DAYS... NO!
WAIT, WAIT WAIT!
...
...WHEN I GET BACK TO THE REAL WORLD I'LL SLEEP WITH EVERYONE EQUALLY...
smile
SO...
PLEASE? ♡
BEEP
ERS
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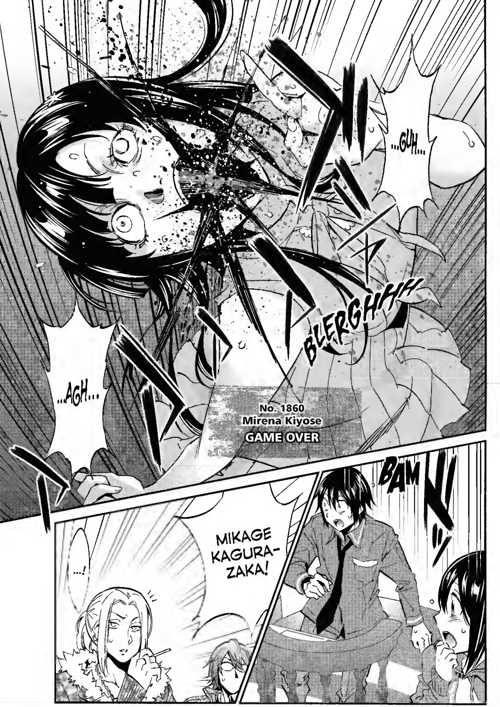
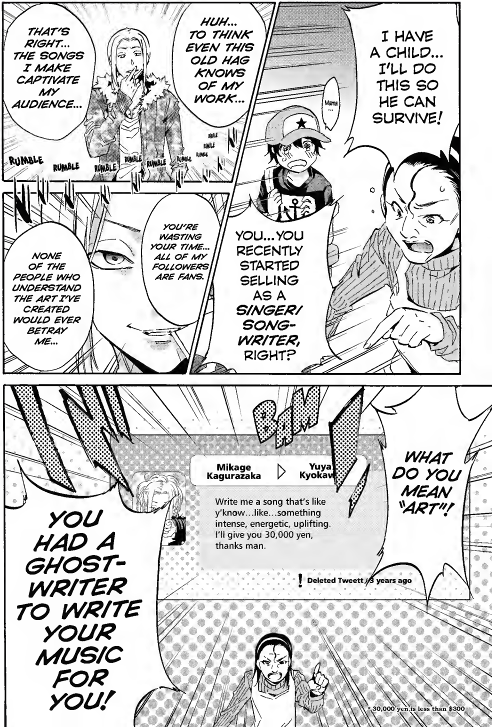

...GUH...
BLERGHHH
...AGH...
No. 1860
Mirena Kiyose
GAME OVER
BAM
MIKAGE KAGURAZAKA!
...!


I HAVE A CHILD... I'LL DO THIS SO HE CAN SURVIVE!
Mama...
YOU...YOU RECENTLY STARTED SELLING AS A *SINGER/ SONG-WRITER,* RIGHT?
HUH... TO THINK EVEN THIS OLD HAG KNOWS OF MY WORK...
THAT'S RIGHT... THE SONGS I MAKE CAPTIVATE MY AUDIENCE...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME... ALL OF MY FOLLOWERS ARE FANS.
NONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE ART I'VE CREATED WOULD EVER BETRAY ME...
BAM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ART"?!
Mikage Kagurazaka ▷ Yuya Kyokaw
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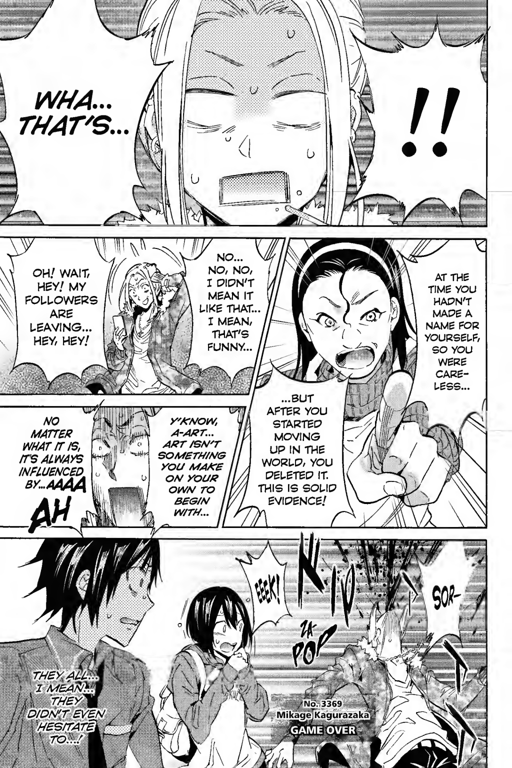
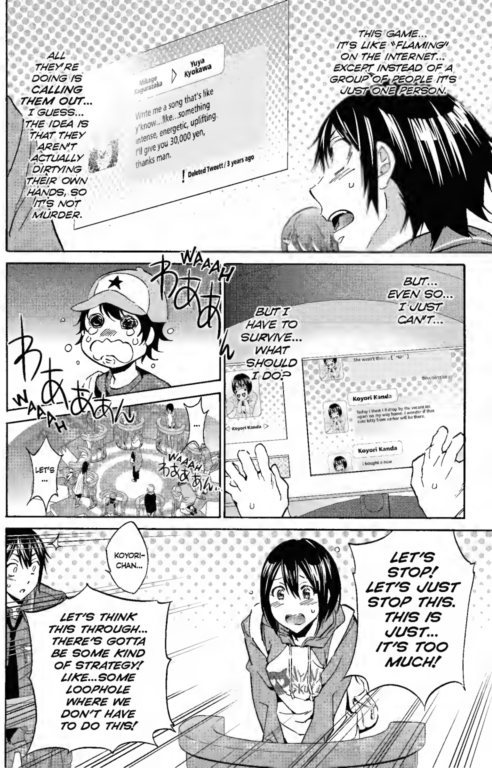
YOU HAD A GHOST-WRITER TO WRITE YOUR MUSIC FOR YOU!

Write me a song that's like y'know...like...something intense, energetic, uplifting. I'll give you 30,000 yen, thanks man.

* 30,000 yen is less than $300


!!
WHA... THAT'S...
AT THE TIME YOU HADN'T MADE A NAME FOR YOURSELF, SO YOU WERE CARELESS...
...BUT AFTER YOU STARTED MOVING UP IN THE WORLD, YOU DELETED IT. THIS IS SOLID EVIDENCE!
NO... NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT... I MEAN, THAT'S FUNNY...
OH! WAIT, HEY! MY FOLLOWERS ARE LEAVING... HEY, HEY!
Y'KNOW, A-ART... ART ISN'T SOMETHING YOU MAKE ON YOUR OWN TO BEGIN WITH...
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, IT'S ALWAYS INFLUENCED BY...AAAA AH
SOR-
ZA-POP
EEEK!
THEY ALL... I MEAN... THEY DIDN'T EVEN HESITATE TO...!
No. 3369 Mikage Kagurazaka GAME OVER


THIS GAME... IT'S LIKE "FLAMING" ON THE INTERNET... EXCEPT INSTEAD OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE IT'S JUST ONE PERSON.
ALL THEY'RE DOING IS CALLING THEM OUT... I GUESS... THE IDEA IS THAT THEY AREN'T ACTUALLY DIRTYING THEIR OWN HANDS, SO IT'S NOT MURDER.
Mikage Kagurazaka
Yuya Kyokawa
Write me a song that's like y'know...like...something intense, energetic, uplifting. I'll give you 30,000 yen, thanks man.
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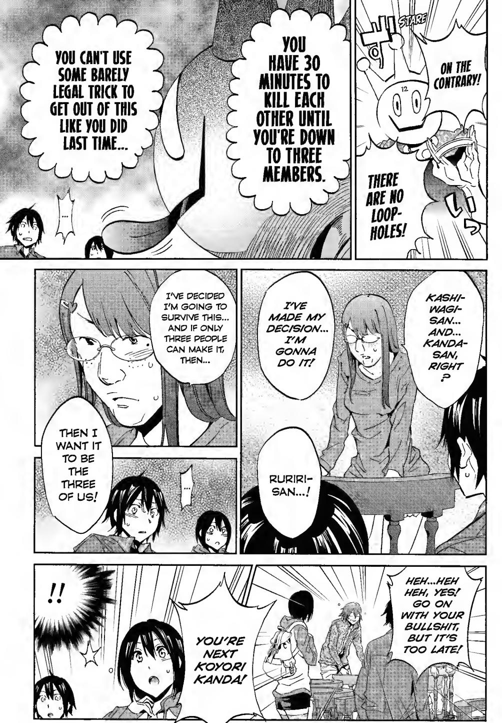
BUT... EVEN SO... I JUST CAN'T...
BUT I HAVE TO SURVIVE... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
She wasn't there...(´･ω･`)
20XX/06/25/18:07
Koyori Kanda
Today I think I'll drop by the vacant lot again on my way home. I wonder if that cute kitty from earlier will be there.
Koyori Kanda
I bought a new
Koyori Kanda
WAAAH わあああん
WAAAH わああああん
...
LET'S...
WAAAH わああああん...
LET'S STOP! LET'S JUST STOP THIS. THIS IS JUST... IT'S TOO MUCH!
KOYORI-CHAN...
LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH... THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF STRATEGY! LIKE...SOME LOOPHOLE WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!


STARE
ON THE CONTRARY!
THERE ARE NO LOOPHOLES!
YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES TO KILL EACH OTHER UNTIL YOU'RE DOWN TO THREE MEMBERS.
YOU CAN'T USE SOME BARELY LEGAL TRICK TO GET OUT OF THIS LIKE YOU DID LAST TIME...
...
KASHIWAGI-SAN... AND... KANDA-SAN, RIGHT?
I'VE MADE MY DECISION... I'M GONNA DO IT!
RURIRI-SAN...!
I'VE DECIDED I'M GOING TO SURVIVE THIS... AND IF ONLY THREE PEOPLE CAN MAKE IT, THEN...
...
THEN I WANT IT TO BE THE THREE OF US!
HEH...HEH HEH, YES! GO ON WITH YOUR BULLSHIT, BUT IT'S TOO LATE!
YOU'RE NEXT KOYORI KANDA!
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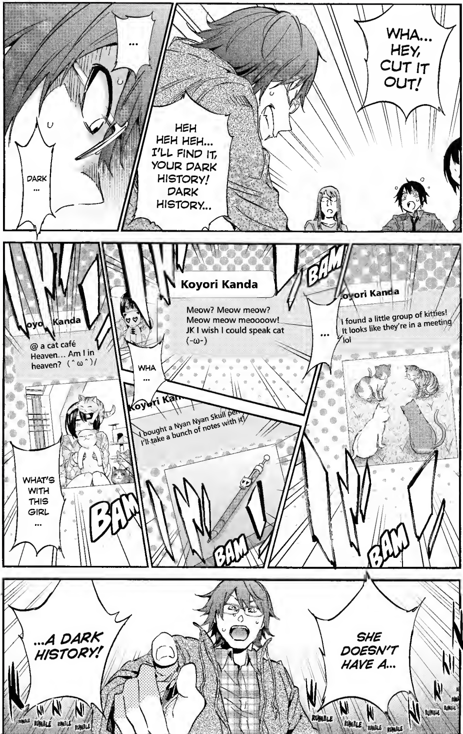

WHA... HEY, CUT IT OUT!
HEH HEH HEH... I'LL FIND IT, YOUR DARK HISTORY! DARK HISTORY...
...
DARK ...
BAM
...
BAM
WHA ...
BAM
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL ...
BAM
BAM
SHE DOESN'T HAVE A...
...A DARK HISTORY!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

Koyori Kanda

I found a little group of kitties! It looks like they're in a meeting lol

Koyori Kanda

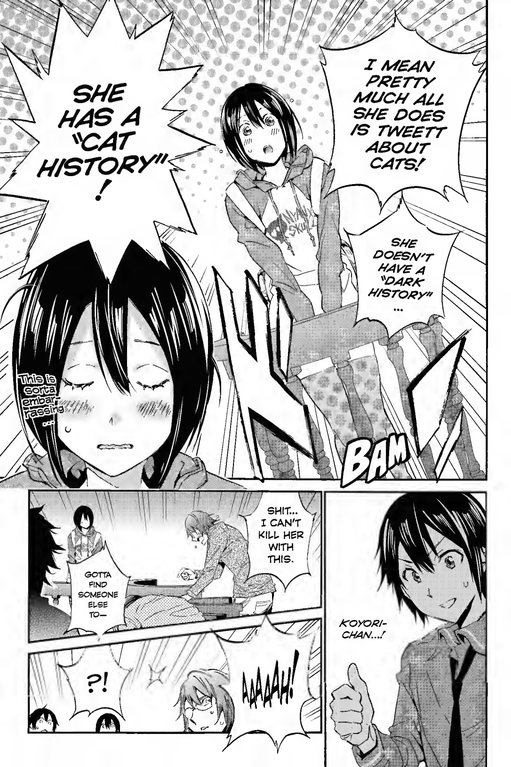
Meow? Meow meow? Meow meow meooow! JK I wish I could speak cat (-ω-)

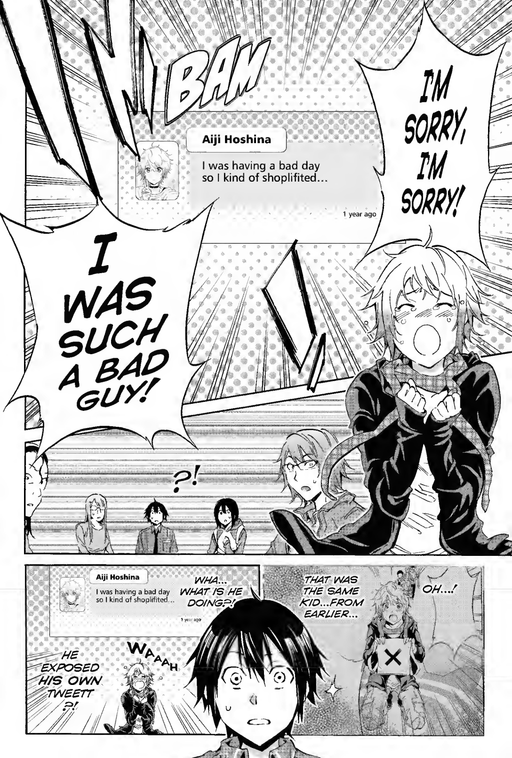
Koyori Kanda

I bought a Nyan Nyan Skull pen! I'll take a bunch of notes with it!

Koyori Kanda

@ a cat café
Heaven… Am I in heaven? (＾ω＾)/


I MEAN PRETTY MUCH ALL SHE DOES IS TWEETT ABOUT CATS!
SHE DOESN'T HAVE A "DARK HISTORY"...
SHE HAS A "CAT HISTORY"!
This is sorta embarrassing...
BAM
KOYORI-CHAN...!
SHIT... I CAN'T KILL HER WITH THIS.
GOTTA FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO—
AAAAAH!
?!


I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!
BAM
I WAS SUCH A BAD GUY!
?!
OH...!
THAT WAS THE SAME KID...FROM EARLIER...
WHA... WHAT IS HE DOING?!
WAAAAH
HE EXPOSED HIS OWN TWEETT ?!

Aiji Hoshina

I was having a bad day so I kind of shoplifited…

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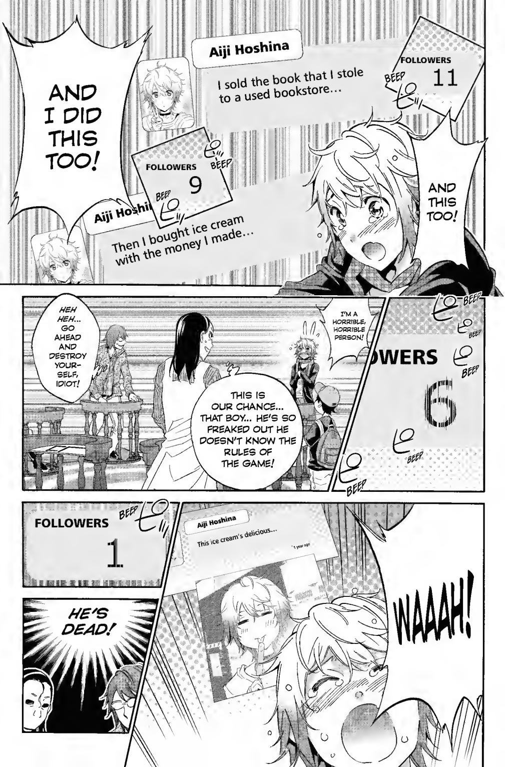
AND I DID THIS TOO!
Aiji Hoshina
I sold the book that I stole to a used bookstore…
FOLLOWERS 11
BEEP
AND THIS TOO!
FOLLOWERS 9
BEEP
BEEP
Aiji Hoshi
Then I bought ice cream with the money I made…
WERS 6
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
I'M A HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE PERSON!
HEH HEH… GO AHEAD AND DESTROY YOURSELF, IDIOT!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE… THAT BOY… HE'S SO FREAKED OUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THE RULES OF THE GAME!
WAAAH!
Aiji Hoshina
This ice cream's delicious…
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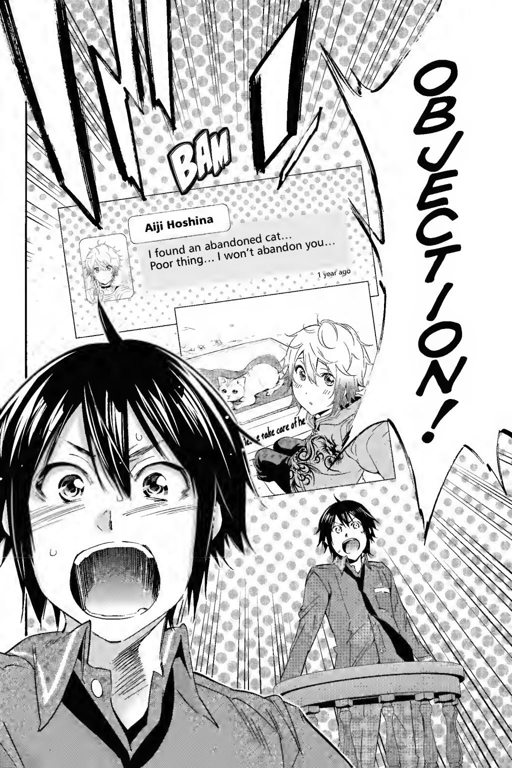
FOLLOWERS 1
BEEP
HE'S DEAD!



Aiji Hoshina

I found an abandoned cat…
Poor thing… I won't abandon you…

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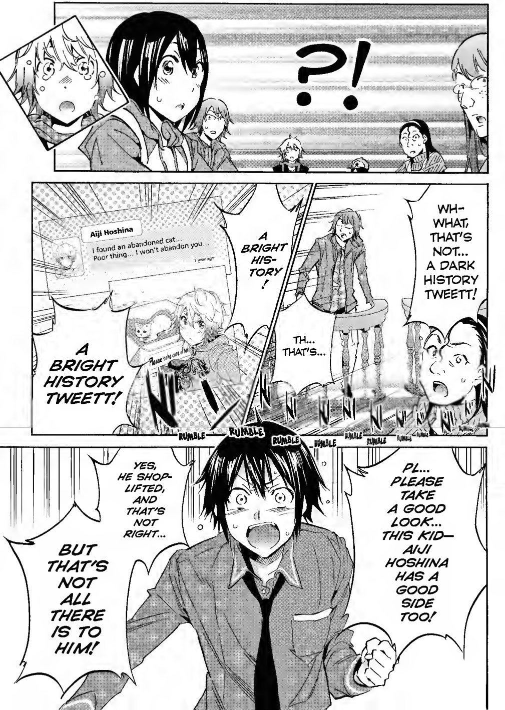
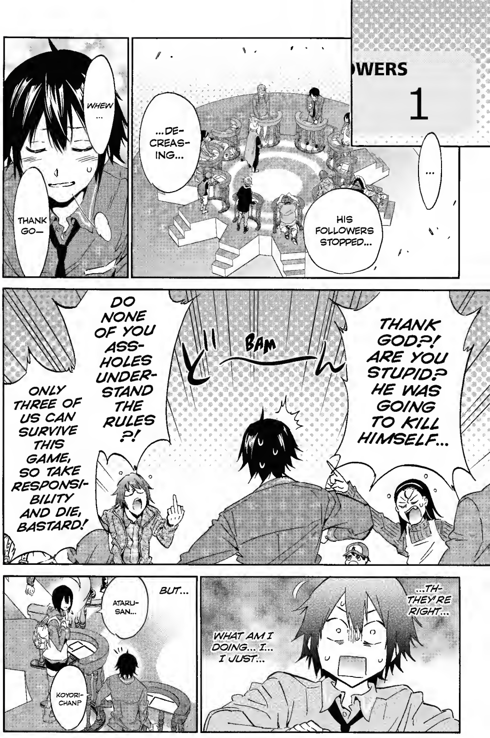
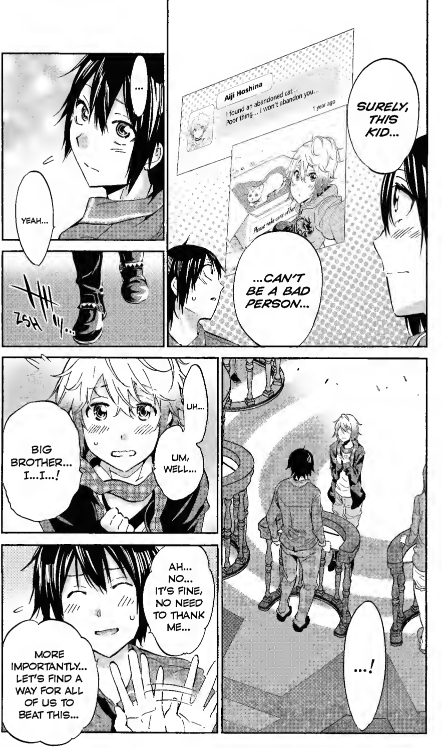
OBJECTION!
BAM
...e take care of the


?!
WH-WHAT, THAT'S NOT... A DARK HISTORY TWEETT!
TH... THAT'S...
A BRIGHT HISTORY!
Aiji Hoshina
I found an abandoned cat... Poor thing... I won't abandon you...
1 year ago
Please take care of her
A BRIGHT HISTORY TWEETT!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
PL... PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK... THIS KID—AIJI HOSHINA HAS A GOOD SIDE TOO!
YES, HE SHOPLIFTED, AND THAT'S NOT RIGHT...
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THERE IS TO HIM!


OWERS
1
...DE-CREASING...
...
HIS FOLLOWERS STOPPED...
WHEW...
THANK GO—
BAM
THANK GOD?! ARE YOU STUPID? HE WAS GOING TO KILL HIMSELF...
DO NONE OF YOU ASSHOLES UNDERSTAND THE RULES?!
ONLY THREE OF US CAN SURVIVE THIS GAME, SO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND DIE, BASTARD!
...TH-THEY'RE RIGHT...
WHAT AM I DOING... I... I JUST...
BUT...
ATARU-SAN...
KOYORI-CHAN?



Aiji Hoshina

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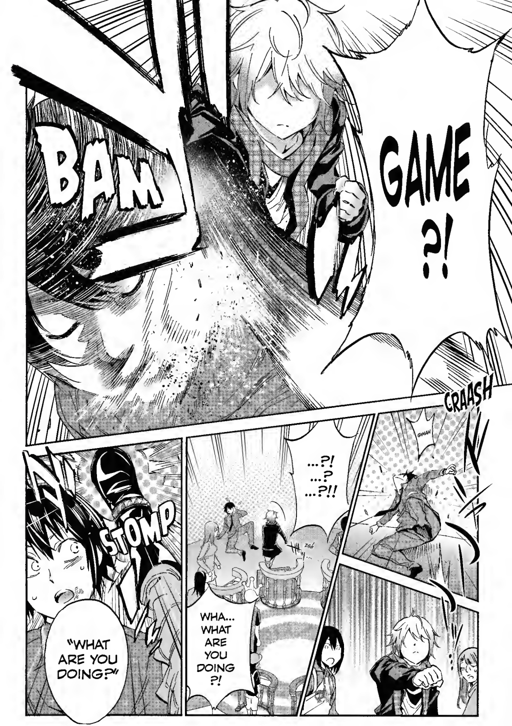
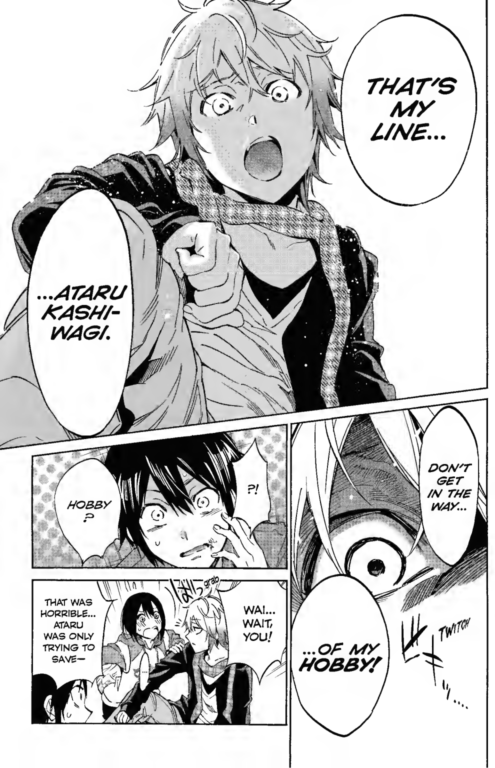
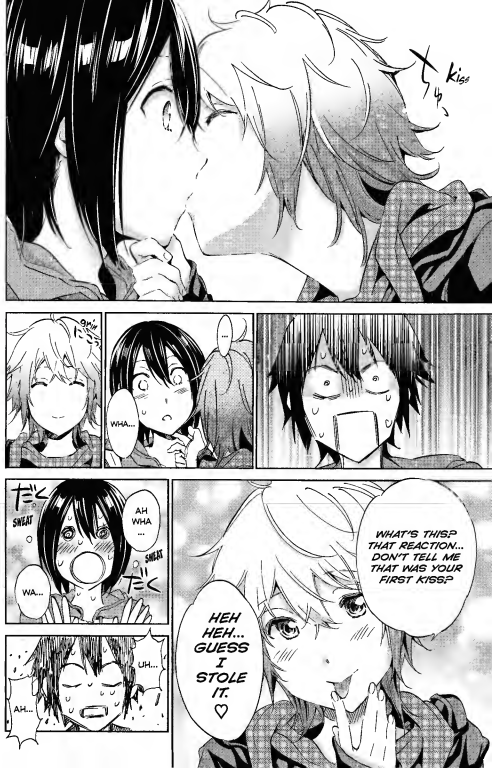
Poor thing... I won't abandon you...

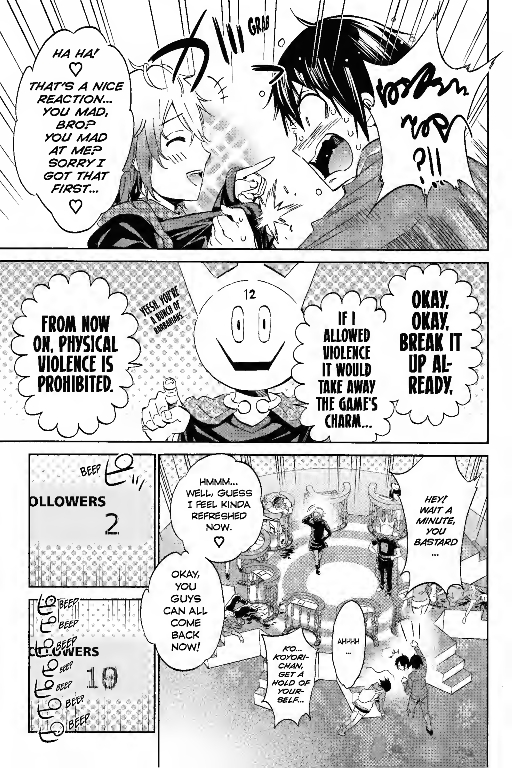
1 year ago

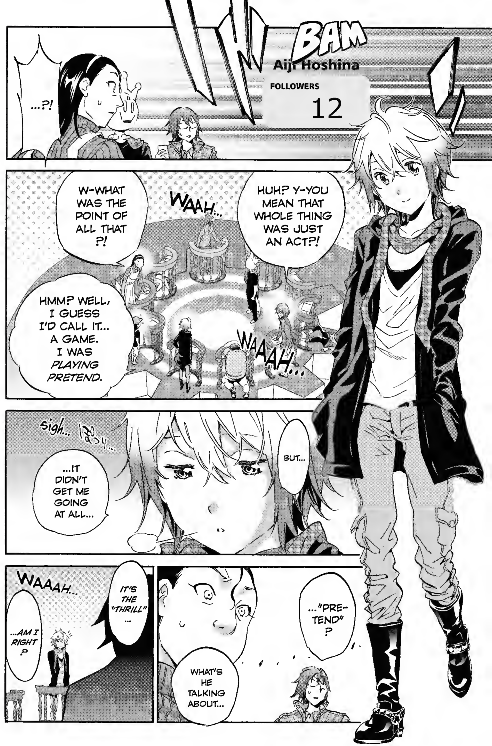
Please take care of him
SURELY, THIS KID...
...CAN'T BE A BAD PERSON...
...
YEAH...
ZSH
...!
UH...
UM, WELL...
BIG BROTHER... I...I...!
AH... NO... IT'S FINE, NO NEED TO THANK ME...
MORE IMPORTANTLY... LET'S FIND A WAY FOR ALL OF US TO BEAT THIS...

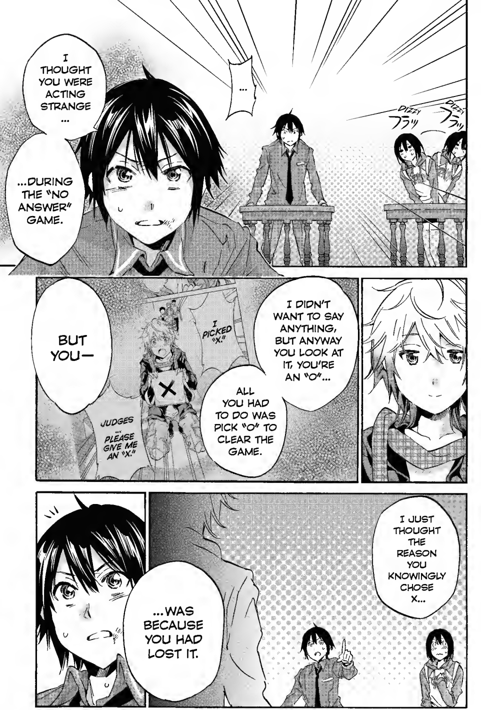

GAME ?!
BAM
CRAASH
GWAH
...?!
...?
...?!!
ZSH
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
STOMP
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"

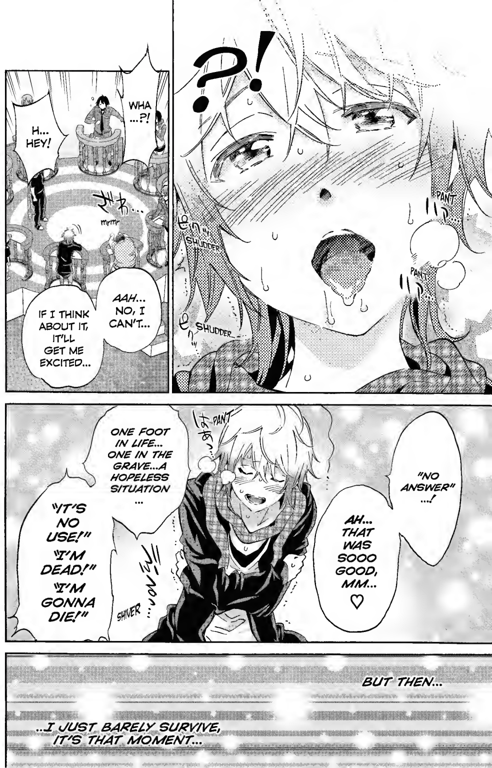

THAT'S MY LINE...
...ATARU KASHIWAGI.
DON'T GET IN THE WAY...
...OF MY HOBBY!
TWITCH
?!
HOBBY?
grab
WAI... WAIT, YOU!
THAT WAS HORRIBLE... ATARU WAS ONLY TRYING TO SAVE—
...

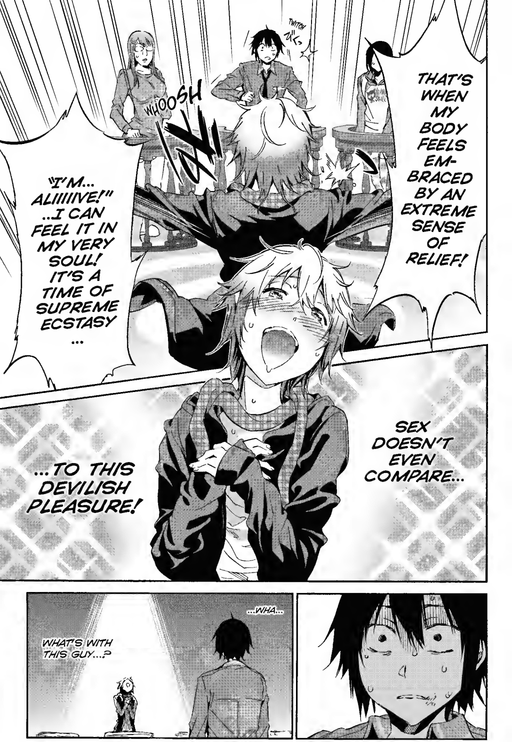

ちゅっ
KISS
...
WHA...
にこっ
GRIN
WHAT'S THIS? THAT REACTION... DON'T TELL ME THAT WAS YOUR FIRST KISS?
HEH HEH... GUESS I STOLE IT. ♡
だく
SWEAT
AH WHA ...
SWEAT
だく
WA...
UH...
AH...

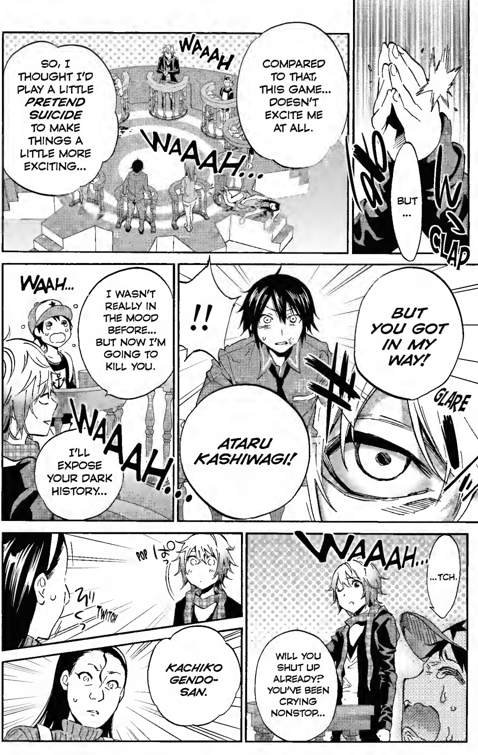

GRAB
?!!
HA HA! ♡ THAT'S A NICE REACTION... YOU MAD, BRO? YOU MAD AT ME? SORRY I GOT THAT FIRST... ♡
OKAY, OKAY, BREAK IT UP ALREADY.
IF I ALLOWED VIOLENCE IT WOULD TAKE AWAY THE GAME'S CHARM...
12
YEESH, YOU'RE A BUNCH OF BARBARIANS...
FROM NOW ON, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS PROHIBITED.
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE, YOU BASTARD ...
HMMM... WELL, GUESS I FEEL KINDA REFRESHED NOW. ♡
OKAY, YOU GUYS CAN ALL COME BACK NOW!
AHHHH ...
KO... KOYORI-CHAN, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF...
BEEP
OLLOWERS
2
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
OLLOWERS
10

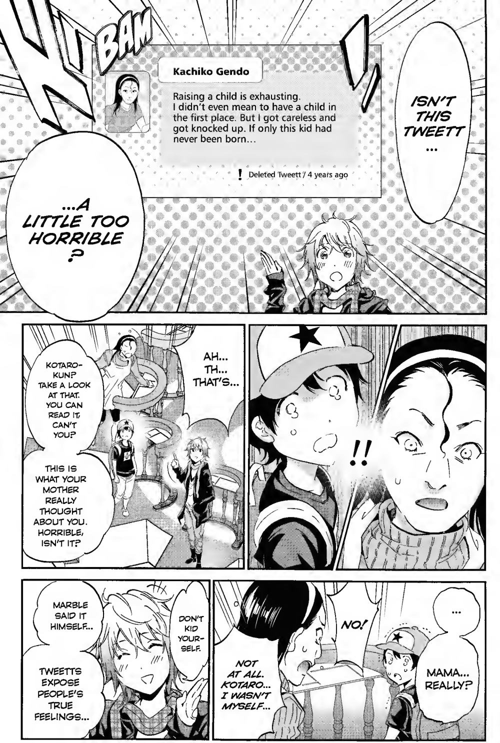

BAM
Aiji Hoshina
FOLLOWERS
12
...?!
HUH? Y-YOU MEAN THAT WHOLE THING WAS JUST AN ACT?!
WAAH...
W-WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ALL THAT?!
WAAAH...
HMM? WELL, I GUESS I'D CALL IT... A GAME. I WAS *PLAYING PRETEND.*
BUT...
...IT DIDN'T GET ME GOING AT ALL...
sigh... ぽつり...
..."PRE-TEND"?
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT...
IT'S THE "THRILL"...
...AM I RIGHT?
WAAAH...


DIZZY フラッ
DIZZY フラッ
...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE ...
...DURING THE "NO ANSWER" GAME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE AN "O"...
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS PICK "O" TO CLEAR THE GAME.
I PICKED "X."
JUDGES ... PLEASE GIVE ME AN "X."
BUT YOU—
I JUST THOUGHT THE REASON YOU KNOWINGLY CHOSE X...
...WAS BECAUSE YOU HAD LOST IT.


?!
PANT
PANT
SHUDDER
SHUDDER...
WHA ...?!
H... HEY!
ざわ...
mrmr
AAH... NO, I CAN'T...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'LL GET ME EXCITED...
"NO ANSWER" ...!
AH... THAT WAS SOOO GOOD, MM... ♡
はぁっ
PANT
ONE FOOT IN LIFE... ONE IN THE GRAVE...A HOPELESS SITUATION ...
"IT'S NO USE!" "I'M DEAD!" "I'M GONNA DIE!"
SHIVER
BUT THEN...
...I JUST BARELY SURVIVE, IT'S THAT MOMENT...


TWITCH
びくっ
THAT'S WHEN MY BODY FEELS EMBRACED BY AN EXTREME SENSE OF RELIEF!
WHOOSH
"I'M... ALIIIIIVE!" ...I CAN FEEL IT IN MY VERY SOUL! IT'S A TIME OF SUPREME ECSTASY ...
SEX DOESN'T EVEN COMPARE...
...TO THIS DEVILISH PLEASURE!
...WHA...
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY...?


WAAAH
COMPARED TO THAT, THIS GAME... DOESN'T EXCITE ME AT ALL.
SO, I THOUGHT I'D PLAY A LITTLE *PRETEND SUICIDE* TO MAKE THINGS A LITTLE MORE EXCITING...
WAAAH...
BUT ...
CLAP
!!
BUT YOU GOT IN MY WAY!
GLARE
ATARU KASHIWAGI!
WAAH...
I WASN'T REALLY IN THE MOOD BEFORE... BUT NOW I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.
WAAAH...
I'LL EXPOSE YOUR DARK HISTORY...
WAAAH...
...TCH.
WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY? YOU'VE BEEN CRYING NONSTOP...
POP
TWITCH
KACHIKO GENDO-SAN.

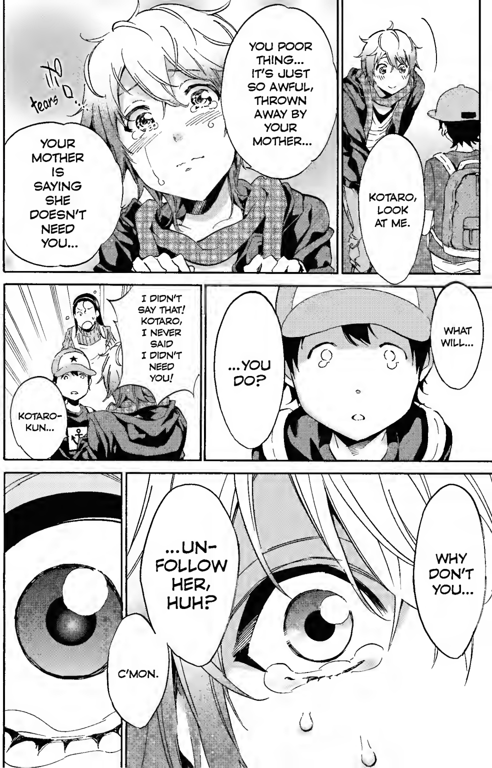


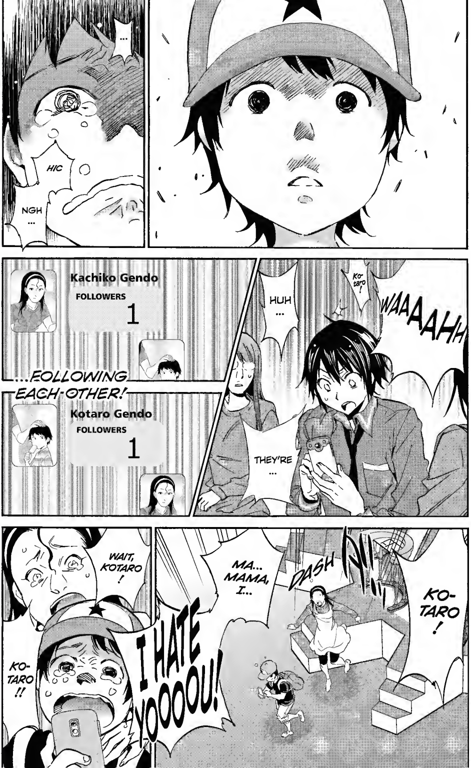
Kachiko Gendo

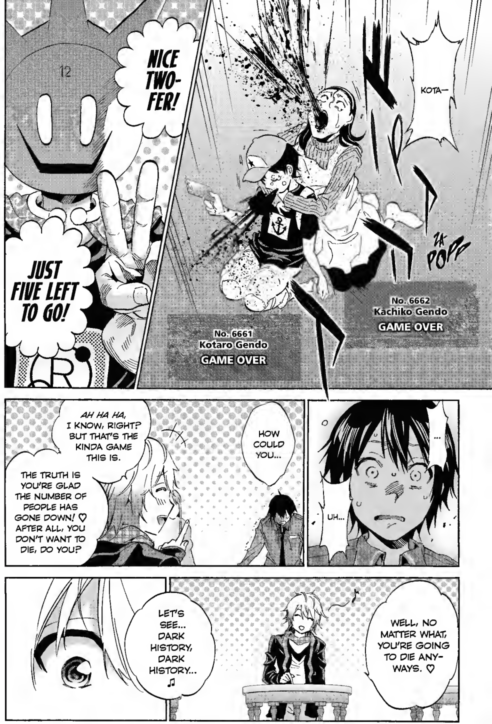
Raising a child is exhausting. I didn't even mean to have a child in the first place. But I got careless and got knocked up. If only this kid had never been born…

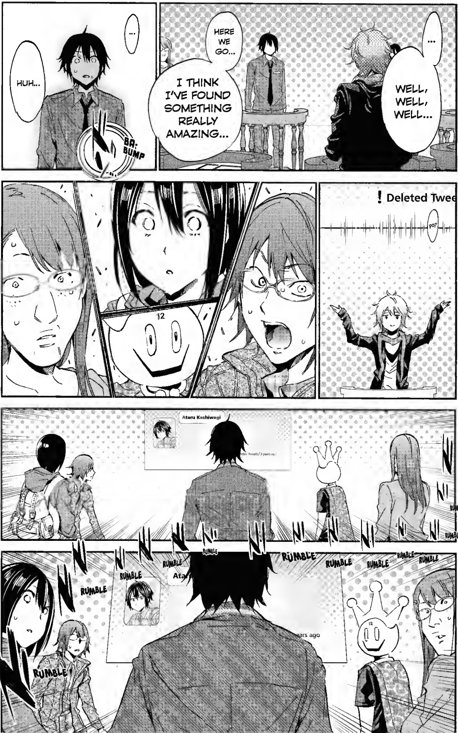
! Deleted Tweett / 4 years ago

BAM
ISN'T THIS TWEETT…
…A LITTLE TOO HORRIBLE?
!!
AH… TH… THAT'S…
KOTARO-KUN? TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. YOU CAN READ IT, CAN'T YOU?
THIS IS WHAT YOUR MOTHER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT YOU. HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT?
…
MAMA… REALLY?
NO!
NOT AT ALL. KOTARO… I WASN'T MYSELF…
DON'T KID YOURSELF.
MARBLE SAID IT HIMSELF…
TWEETTS EXPOSE PEOPLE'S TRUE FEELINGS…


KOTARO, LOOK AT ME.
YOU POOR THING... IT'S JUST SO AWFUL, THROWN AWAY BY YOUR MOTHER...
tears
YOUR MOTHER IS SAYING SHE DOESN'T NEED YOU...
WHAT WILL...
...YOU DO?
I DIDN'T SAY THAT! KOTARO, I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T NEED YOU!
KOTARO-KUN...
WHY DON'T YOU...
...UN-FOLLOW HER, HUH?
C'MON.


...
HIC
NGH ...
Ko-taro!
WAAAAHH
HUH ...
THEY'RE ...
Kachiko Gendo
FOLLOWERS
1
...FOLLOWING EACH OTHER!
Kotaro Gendo
FOLLOWERS
1
KO-TARO!
DASH
MA... MAMA, I...
WAIT, KOTARO!
I HATE YOOOOU!
KO-TARO!!


KOTA—
ZAPOP
No. 6662 Kachiko Gendo GAME OVER
No. 6661 Kotaro Gendo GAME OVER
NICE TWO-FER!
JUST FIVE LEFT TO GO!
...
UH...
HOW COULD YOU...
AH HA HA, I KNOW, RIGHT? BUT THAT'S THE KINDA GAME THIS IS.
THE TRUTH IS YOU'RE GLAD THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAS GONE DOWN! ♡ AFTER ALL, YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, DO YOU?
WELL, NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAYS. ♡
LET'S SEE... DARK HISTORY, DARK HISTORY... ♫


...
WELL, WELL, WELL...
HERE WE GO...
I THINK I'VE FOUND SOMETHING REALLY AMAZING...
...
HUH...
BA-BUMP
! Deleted Twee
POP
12
Ataru Kashiwagi
eted Tweett / 3 years ag
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
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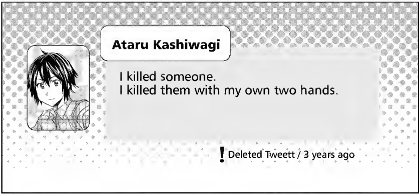
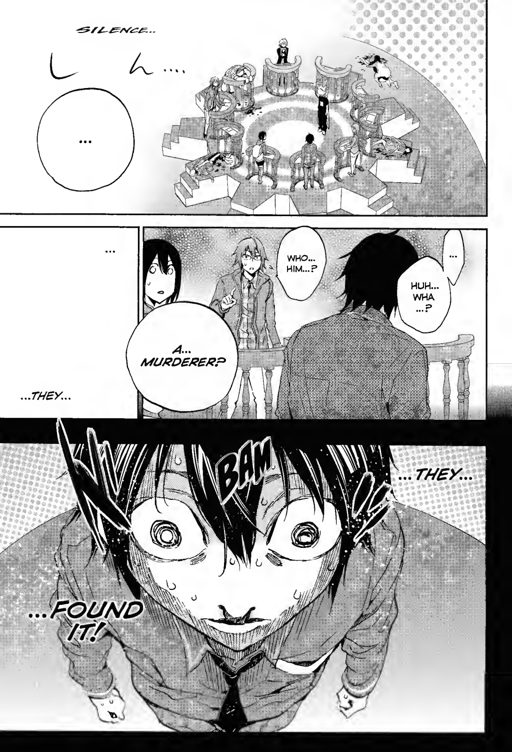
12
RUMBLE

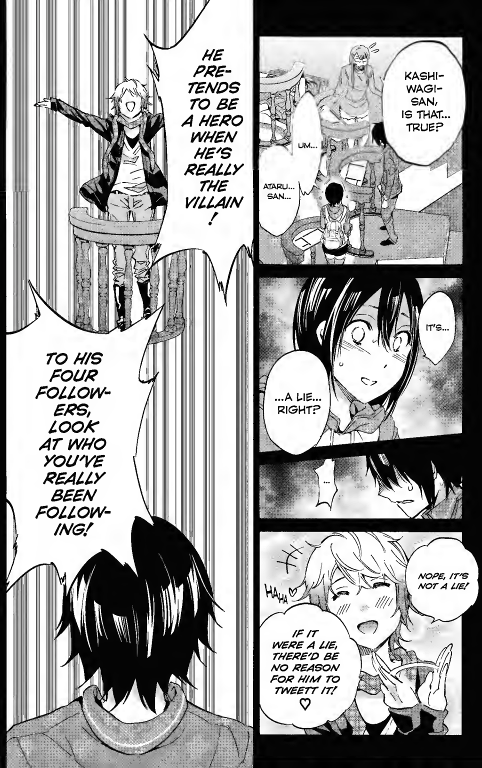


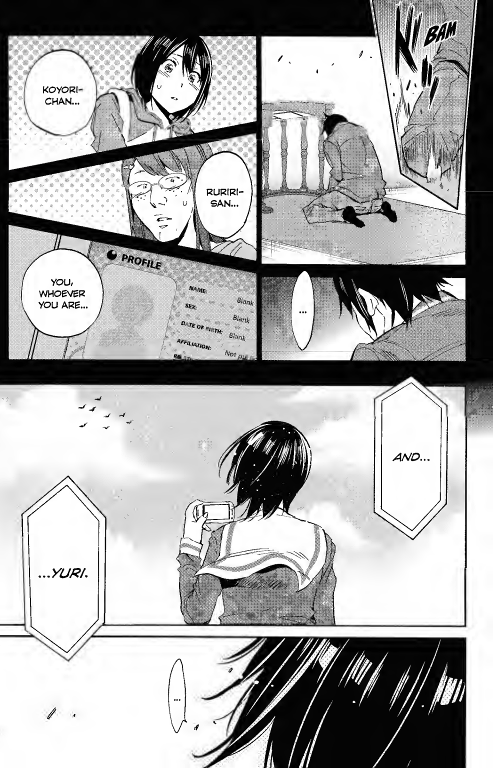
Ataru Kashiwagi

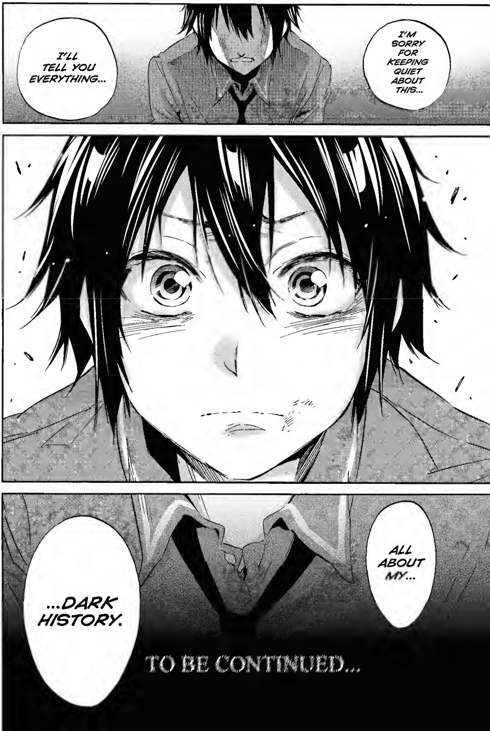
I killed someone.
I killed them with my own two hands.

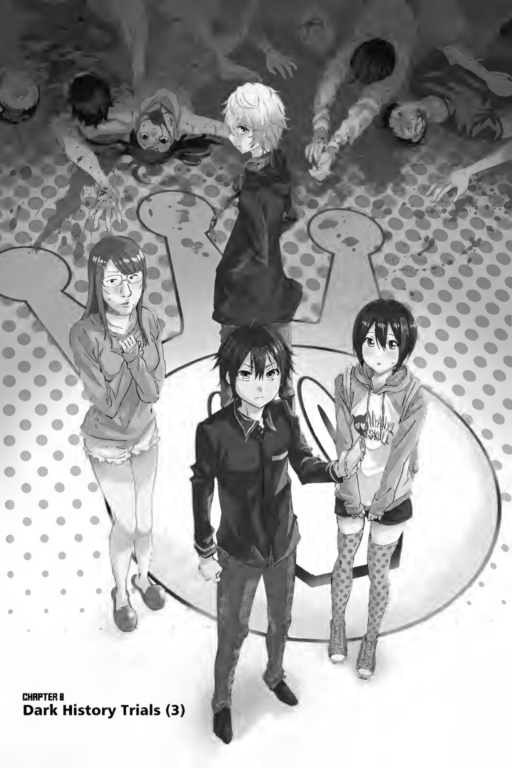
! Deleted Tweett / 3 years ago


SILENCE...
し ん....
...
...
HUH... WHA ...?
WHO... HIM...?
A... MURDERER?
...
...THEY...
...THEY...
BAM
...FOUND IT!


KASHIWAGI-SAN, IS THAT... TRUE?
UM...
ATARU... SAN...
IT'S...
...A LIE... RIGHT?
...
NOPE, IT'S NOT A LIE!
HAHA♡
IF IT WERE A LIE, THERE'D BE NO REASON FOR HIM TO TWEETT IT! ♡
HE PRETENDS TO BE A HERO WHEN HE'S REALLY THE VILLAIN!
TO HIS FOUR FOLLOWERS, LOOK AT WHO YOU'VE REALLY BEEN FOLLOWING!

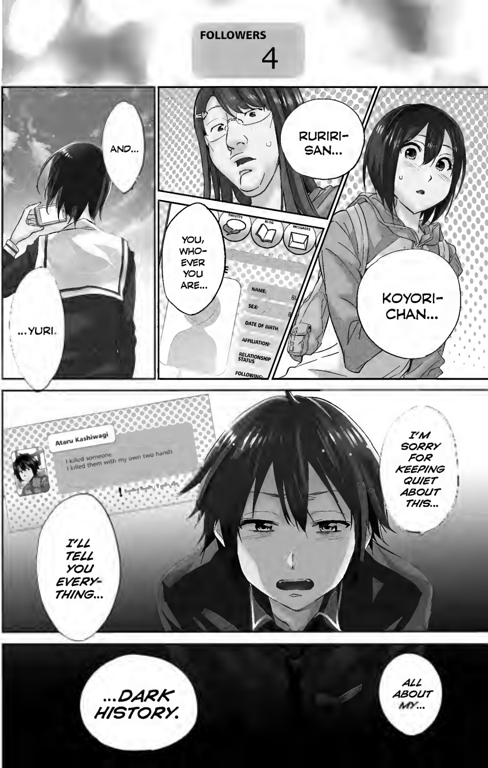

BAM
KOYORI-CHAN...
RURIRI-SAN...
PROFILE
NAME: Blank
SEX: Blank
DATE OF BIRTH: Blank
AFFILIATION: Not pu
YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE...
...
AND...
...YURI.
...

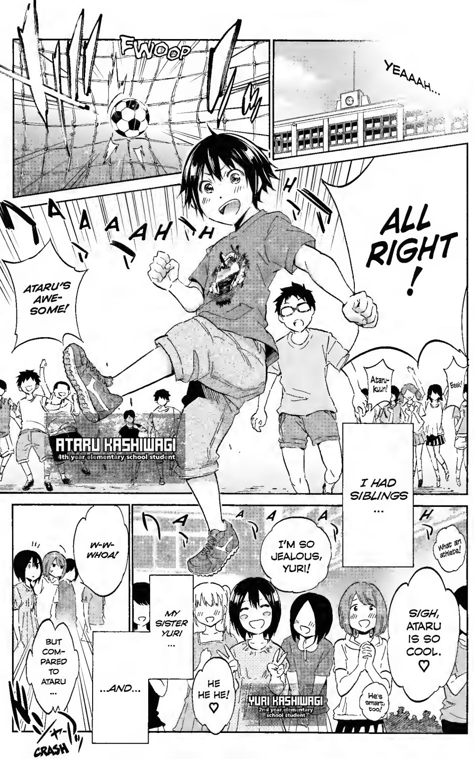

I'M SORRY FOR KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THIS...
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING...
ALL ABOUT MY...
...DARK HISTORY.
TO BE CONTINUED...

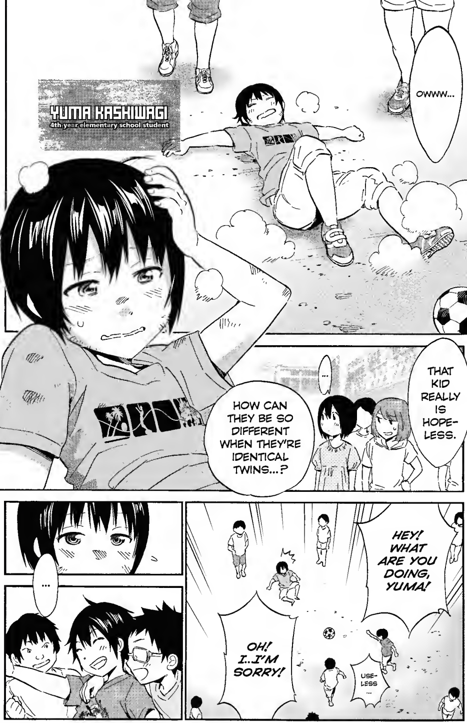

NYANKO SKULL

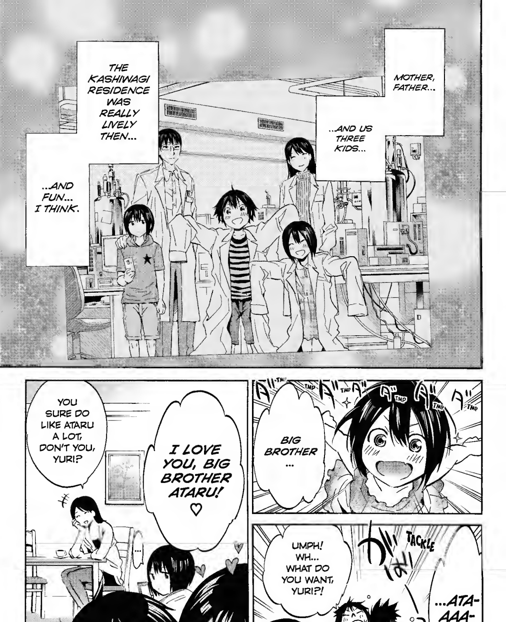
CHAPTER 8

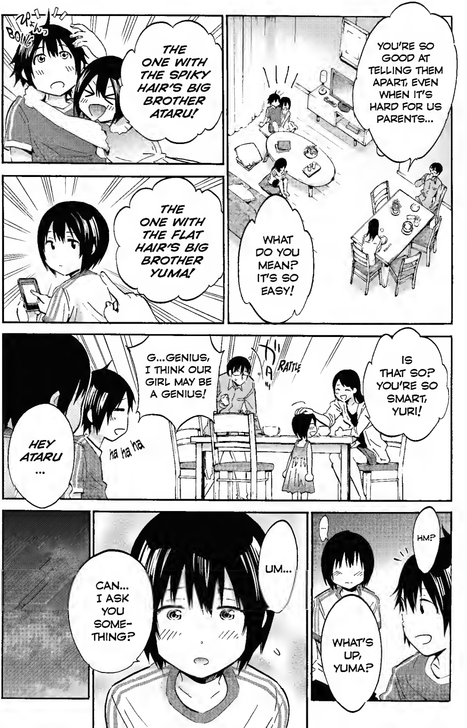
Dark History Trials (3)

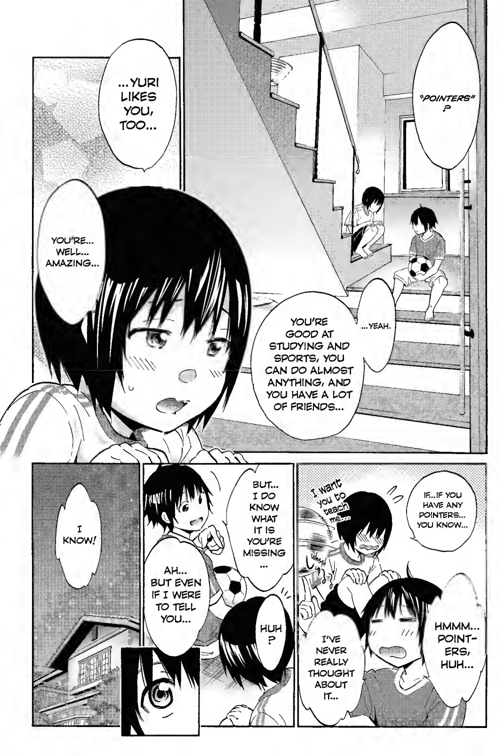

FOLLOWERS
4
RURIRI-SAN...
KOYORI-CHAN...
TWEETS
BLOG
MESSAGES
NAME:
SEX:
DATE OF BIRTH
AFFILIATION:
RELATIONSHIP STATUS
FOLLOWING:
YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE...
AND...
...YURI.
Ataru Kashiwagi
I killed someone
I killed them with my own two hands
I'M SORRY FOR KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THIS...
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING...
ALL ABOUT MY...
...DARK HISTORY.

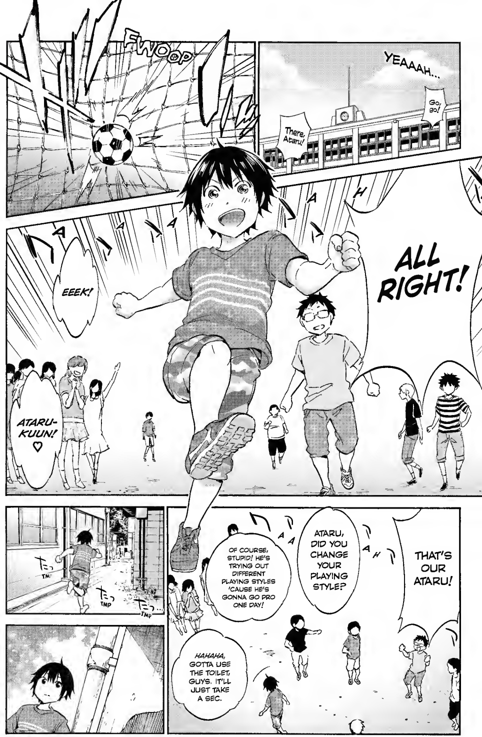

YEAAAH...
FWOOP
ALL RIGHT!
AAAAHH
ATARU'S AWESOME!
Ataru-kuun!
Eeek!
ATARU KASHIWAGI
4th year elementary school student
I HAD SIBLINGS...
AAAAH
What an athlete!
SIGH, ATARU IS SO COOL. ♡
He's smart, too!
I'M SO JEALOUS, YURI!
HE HE HE! ♡
YURI KASHIWAGI
2nd year elementary school student
MY SISTER YURI...
...AND...
W-W-WHOA!
BUT COMPARED TO ATARU...
CRASH

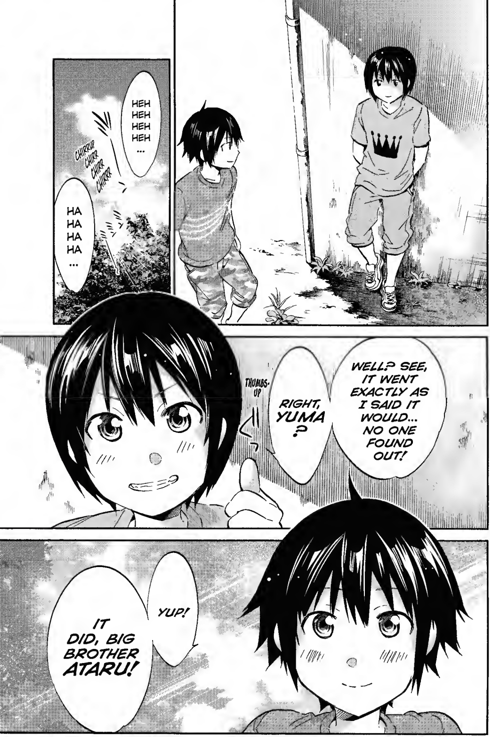

OWWW...
YUMA KASHIWAGI
4th year elementary school student
THAT KID REALLY IS HOPELESS.
...
HOW CAN THEY BE SO DIFFERENT WHEN THEY'RE IDENTICAL TWINS...?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YUMA!
USELESS...
OH! I..I'M SORRY!
...

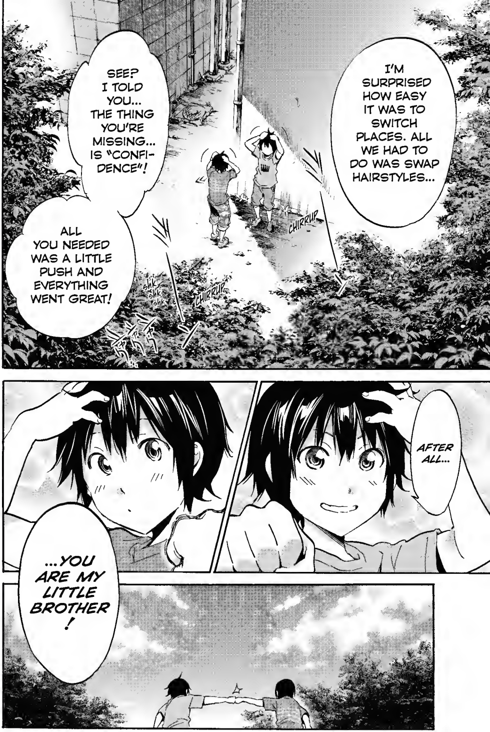

MOTHER, FATHER...
...AND US THREE KIDS...
THE KASHIWAGI RESIDENCE WAS REALLY LIVELY THEN...
...AND FUN... I THINK.
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
BIG BROTHER...
...ATA-AAA-RU!
TACKLE
UMPH! WH... WHAT DO YOU WANT, YURI!?
I LOVE YOU, BIG BROTHER ATARU! ♡
YOU SURE DO LIKE ATARU A LOT, DON'T YOU, YURI?
...

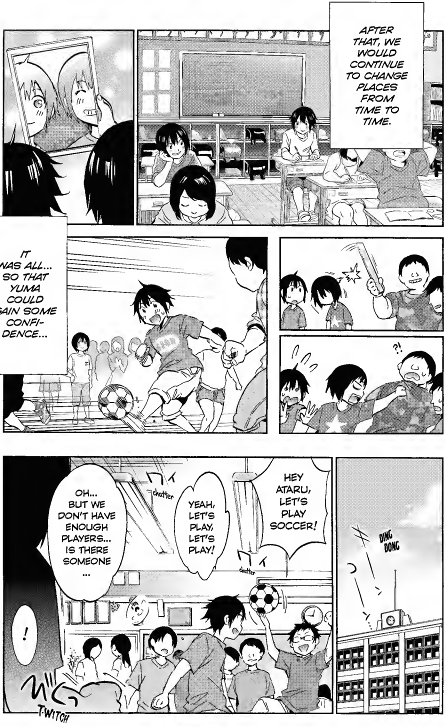

YOU'RE SO GOOD AT TELLING THEM APART, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD FOR US PARENTS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S SO EASY!
BOING
THE ONE WITH THE SPIKY HAIR'S BIG BROTHER ATARU!
THE ONE WITH THE FLAT HAIR'S BIG BROTHER YUMA!
IS THAT SO? YOU'RE SO SMART, YURI!
RATTLE
G...GENIUS, I THINK OUR GIRL MAY BE A GENIUS!
ha ha ha
HEY ATARU ...
...
HM?
WHAT'S UP, YUMA?
UM...
CAN... I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

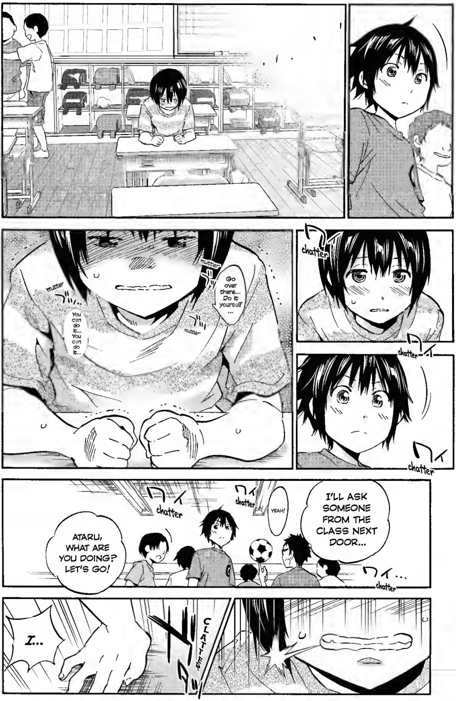

"POINTERS"?
...YURI LIKES YOU, TOO...
...YEAH.
YOU'RE... WELL... AMAZING...
YOU'RE GOOD AT STUDYING AND SPORTS, YOU CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING, AND YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS...
IF...IF YOU HAVE ANY POINTERS... YOU KNOW...
I want you to teach me...
whssh
HMMM... POINTERS, HUH...
I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
BUT... I DO KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE MISSING...
HUH?
AH... BUT EVEN IF I WERE TO TELL YOU...
I KNOW!

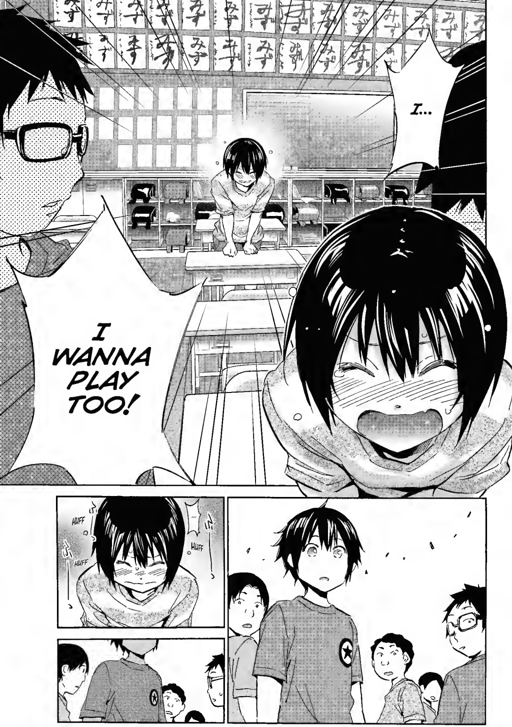

YEAAAH...
Go, go!
There, Ataru!
FWOOP
ALL RIGHT!
EEEK!
ATARU-KUUN! ♡
THAT'S OUR ATARU!
ATARU, DID YOU CHANGE YOUR PLAYING STYLE?
OF COURSE, STUPID! HE'S TRYING OUT DIFFERENT PLAYING STYLES 'CAUSE HE'S GONNA GO PRO ONE DAY!
HAHAHA, GOTTA USE THE TOILET, GUYS. IT'LL JUST TAKE A SEC.
たっ TMP
たっ TMP
たっ TMP...

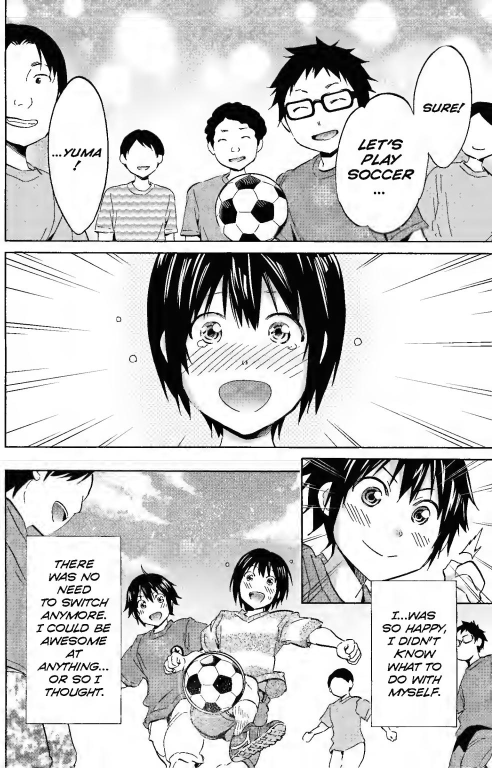

HEH HEH HEH HEH ...
CHIRRUP CHIRR CHIRR CHIRRR
HA HA HA HA ...
WELL? SEE, IT WENT EXACTLY AS I SAID IT WOULD... NO ONE FOUND OUT!
RIGHT, YUMA?
THUMBS-UP
YUP!
IT DID, BIG BROTHER ATARU!

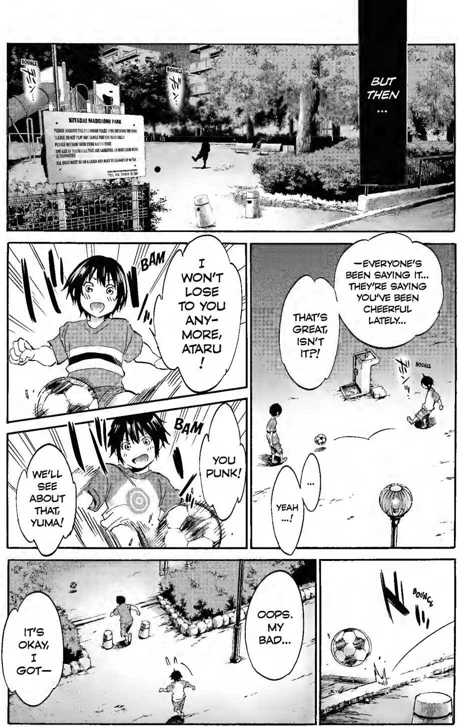

I'M SURPRISED HOW EASY IT WAS TO SWITCH PLACES. ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS SWAP HAIRSTYLES...
SEE? I TOLD YOU... THE THING YOU'RE MISSING... IS "CONFIDENCE"!
CHIRRUP
ALL YOU NEEDED WAS A LITTLE PUSH AND EVERYTHING WENT GREAT!
CHIRRUP
shk shk shk
AFTER ALL...
...YOU ARE MY LITTLE BROTHER!

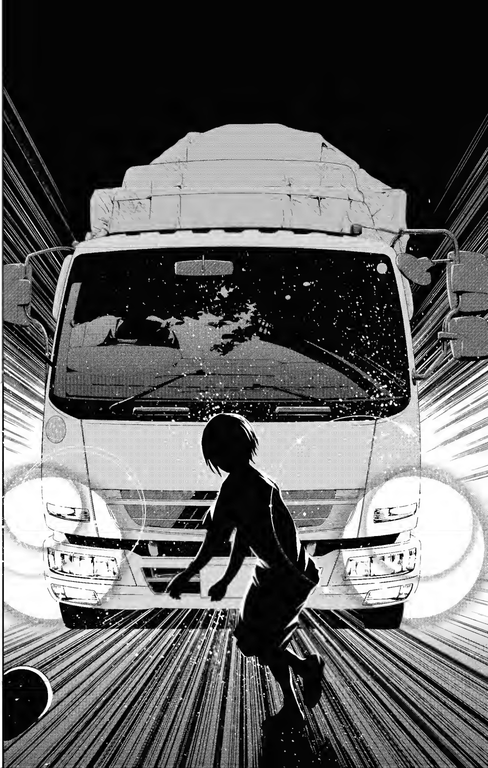

AFTER THAT, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO CHANGE PLACES FROM TIME TO TIME.
?!
IT WAS ALL... SO THAT YUMA COULD GAIN SOME CONFI-DENCE...
DING DONG
HEY ATARU, LET'S PLAY SOCCER!
chatter
YEAH, LET'S PLAY, LET'S PLAY!
chatter
OH... BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS... IS THERE SOMEONE ...
!
T-WITCH

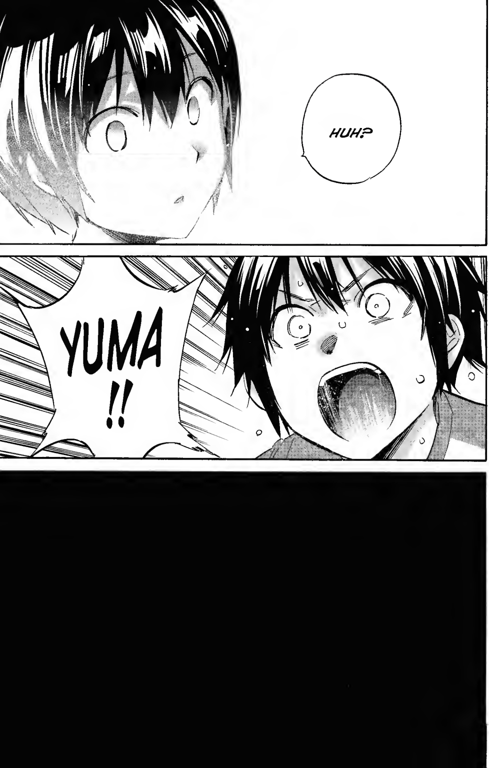

ワ chatter
ワイ chatter
ワイ chatter
ブツ mutter
Go over there... Do it yourself...
ブツ.. mutter
You can do it... You can do it...
ブツ mutter
I'LL ASK SOMEONE FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR...
YEAH!
ワイ chatter
ワイ chatter
ATARU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LET'S GO!
ワイ... chatter
ガタ CLATTER
I...

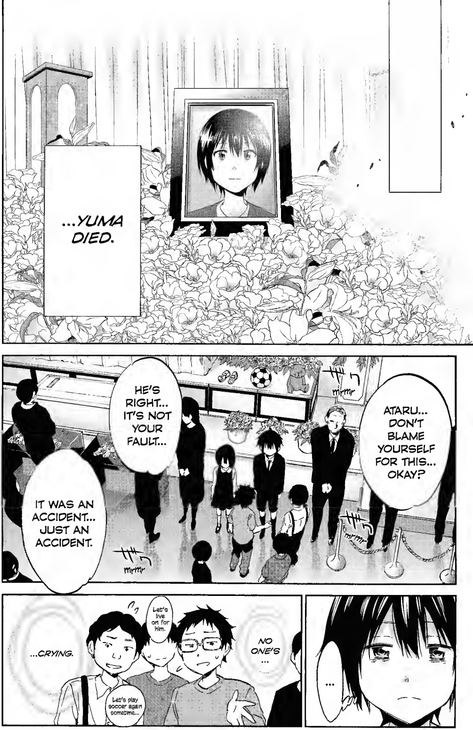

I...
I WANNA PLAY TOO!
…
ふー
ふー
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

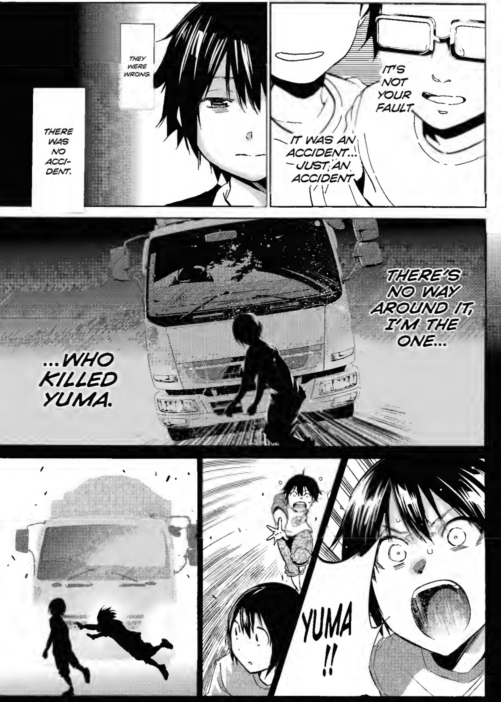

SURE!
LET'S PLAY SOCCER ...
...YUMA!
I...WAS SO HAPPY, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF.
THERE WAS NO NEED TO SWITCH ANYMORE. I COULD BE AWESOME AT ANYTHING... OR SO I THOUGHT.

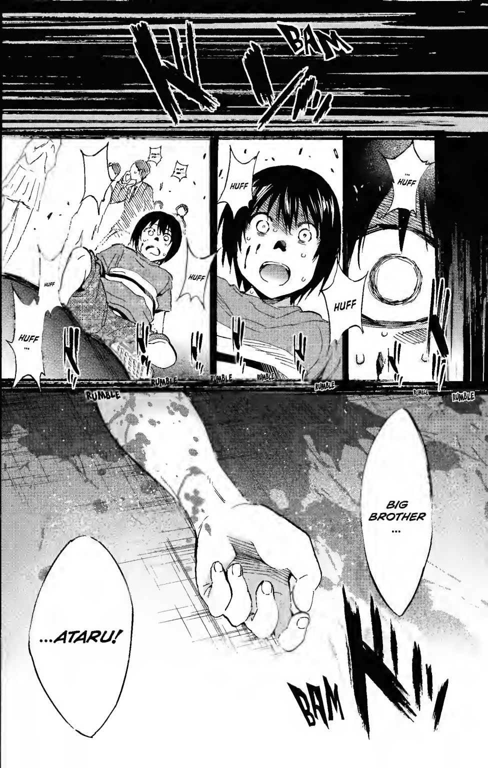

BUT THEN ...
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
KITADAI MADOROMI PARK
PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES UPON ENTERING THE PARK
PLEASE DO NOT PLAY ANY GAMES THAT USE HARD BALLS
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING A LOUD VOICE
THE USE OF FIREWORKS THAT ARE LAUNCHED, OR MAKE LOUD NOISE IS PROHIBITED
ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AND MUST BE CLEANED UP AFTER.
—EVERYONE'S BEEN SAYING IT... THEY'RE SAYING YOU'VE BEEN CHEERFUL LATELY...
THAT'S GREAT, ISN'T IT?!
BOUNCE
...
YEAH ...!
BAM
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU ANYMORE, ATARU!
BAM
YOU PUNK!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, YUMA!
BOUNCE
OOPS. MY BAD...
IT'S OKAY, I GOT—

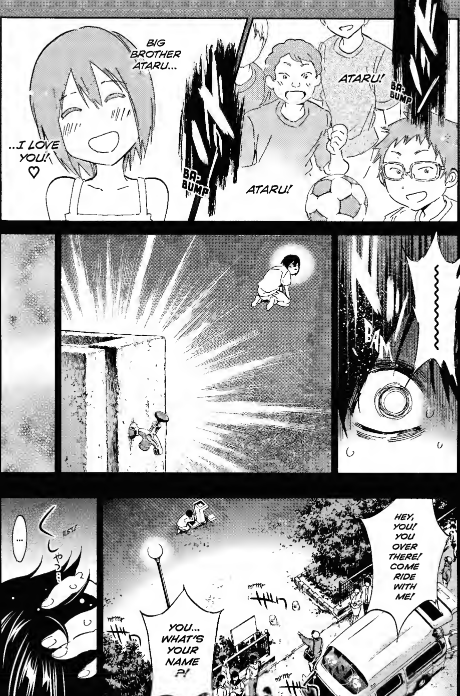


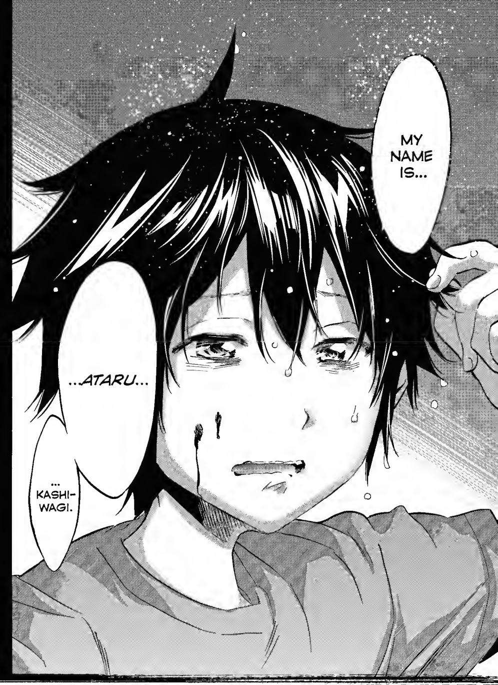

HUH?
YUMA!!


...YUMA DIED.
ATARU... DON'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR THIS... OKAY?
mrmr
HE'S RIGHT... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
mrmr
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... JUST AN ACCIDENT.
mrmr
...
NO ONE'S ...
Let's live on for him.
...CRYING.
Let's play soccer again sometime...

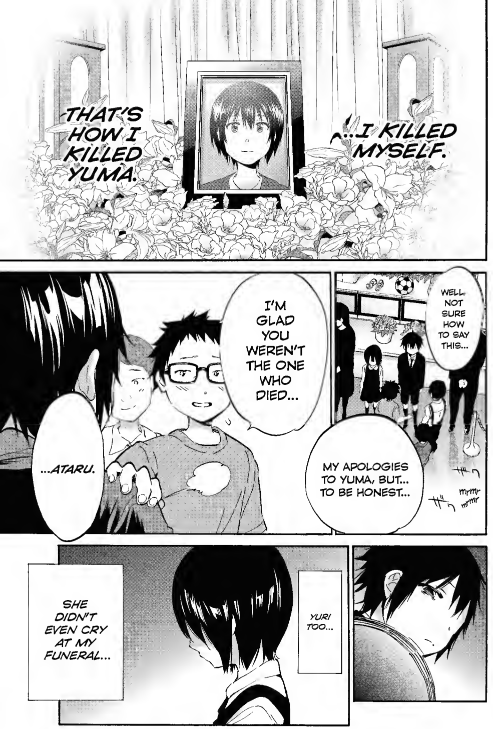

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT... JUST AN ACCIDENT.
THEY WERE WRONG.
THERE WAS NO ACCIDENT.
THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT, I'M THE ONE...
...WHO KILLED YUMA.
YUMA!!

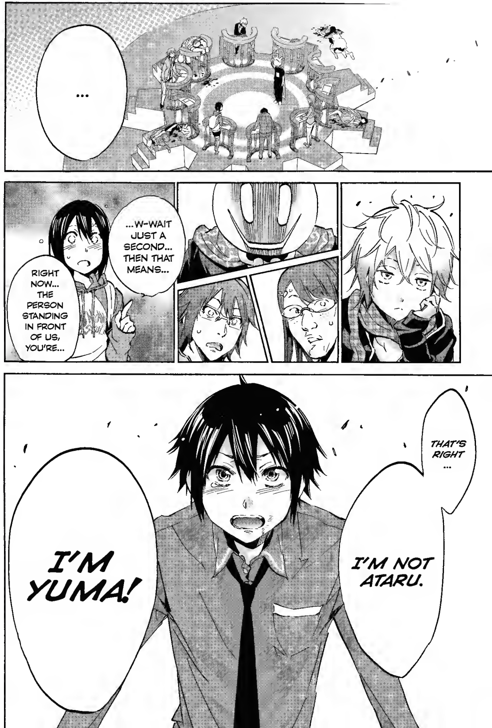

BAM
... HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF ...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
BIG BROTHER ...
...ATARU!
BAM

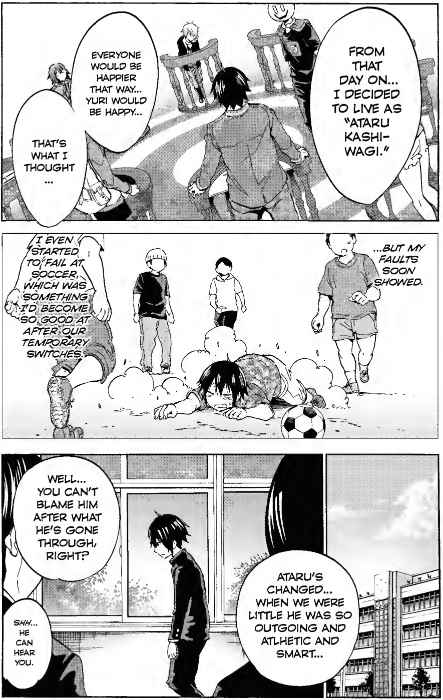

ATARU!
BA-BUMP
ATARU!
BIG BROTHER ATARU...
...I LOVE YOU! ♡
BA-BUMP
BAM
HEY, YOU! YOU OVER THERE! COME RIDE WITH ME!
mrmr
mrmr
YOU... WHAT'S YOUR NAME ?!
mrmr
RUSTLE
くしゃっ…
...

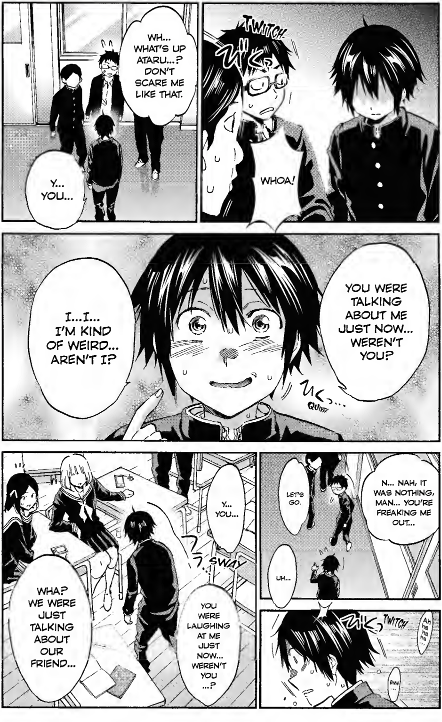

MY NAME IS...
...ATARU...
...KASHI-WAGI.

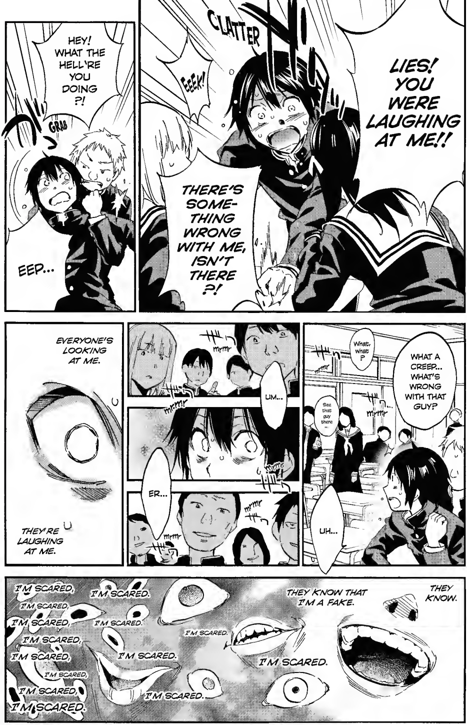
AND THAT'S HOW...


THAT'S HOW I KILLED YUMA.
...I KILLED MYSELF.
WELL, NOT SURE HOW TO SAY THIS...
MY APOLOGIES TO YUMA, BUT... TO BE HONEST...
mrmr mrmr
I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T THE ONE WHO DIED...
...ATARU.
YURI TOO...
SHE DIDN'T EVEN CRY AT MY FUNERAL...


...
...W-WAIT JUST A SECOND... THEN THAT MEANS...
RIGHT NOW... THE PERSON STANDING IN FRONT OF US, YOU'RE...
THAT'S RIGHT...
I'M NOT ATARU.
I'M YUMA!


FROM THAT DAY ON... I DECIDED TO LIVE AS "ATARU KASHIWAGI."
EVERYONE WOULD BE HAPPIER THAT WAY... YURI WOULD BE HAPPY...
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ...
...BUT MY FAULTS SOON SHOWED.
I EVEN STARTED TO FAIL AT SOCCER, WHICH WAS SOMETHING I'D BECOME SO GOOD AT AFTER OUR TEMPORARY SWITCHES.
ATARU'S CHANGED... WHEN WE WERE LITTLE HE WAS SO OUTGOING AND ATLHETIC AND SMART...
WELL... YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM AFTER WHAT HE'S GONE THROUGH, RIGHT?
SHH... HE CAN HEAR YOU.


TWITCH
びくっ
WHOA!
WH... WHAT'S UP ATARU...? DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.
Y... YOU...
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ME JUST NOW... WEREN'T YOU?
ひくっ...
QUIVER
I...I... I'M KIND OF WEIRD... AREN'T I?
LET'S GO.
N... NAH, IT WAS NOTHING, MAN... YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT...
UH...
びくっ
TWITCH
Ah ha ha ha...
Eww...
Y... YOU...
フラ...
SWAY
YOU WERE LAUGHING AT ME JUST NOW... WEREN'T YOU...?
WHA? WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT OUR FRIEND...


CLATTER
EEEK!
LIES! YOU WERE LAUGHING AT ME!!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME, ISN'T THERE?!
HEY! WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
GRAB
EEP...
What, what?
WHAT A CREEP... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT GUY?
mrmr
mrmr
See that guy there...
UH...
UM...
mrmr
mrmr
ER...
mrmr
mrmr
EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT ME.
THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME.
THEY KNOW.
THEY KNOW THAT I'M A FAKE.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED.
I'M SCARED,
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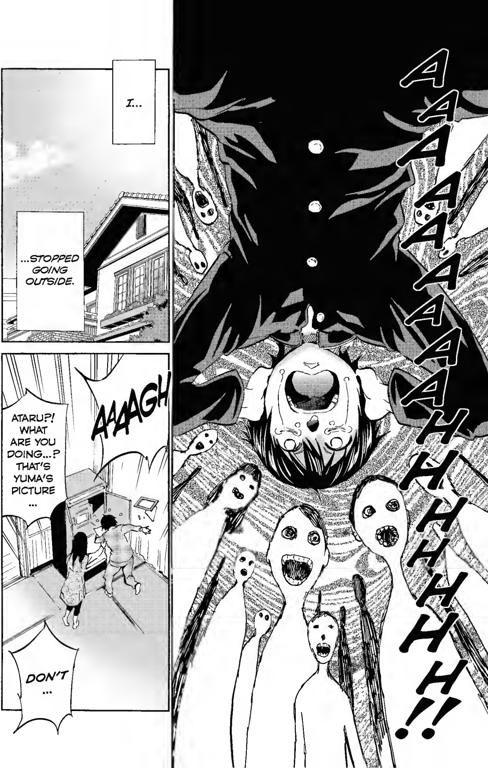
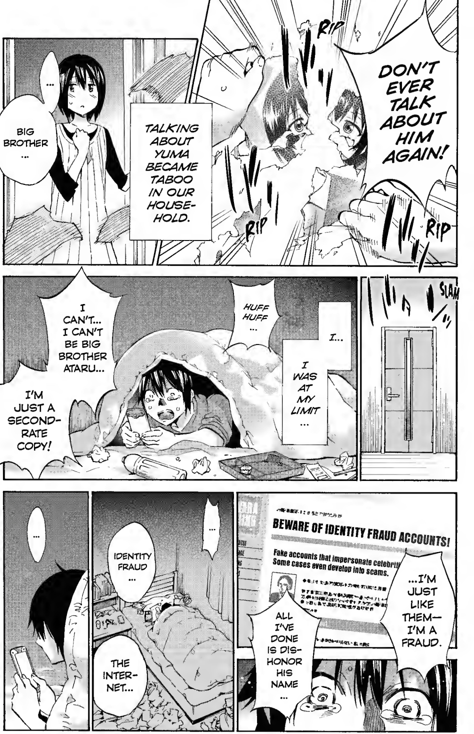
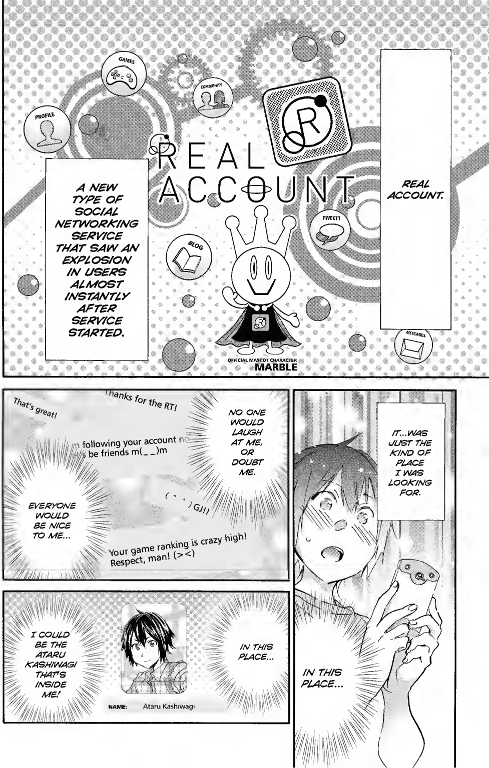
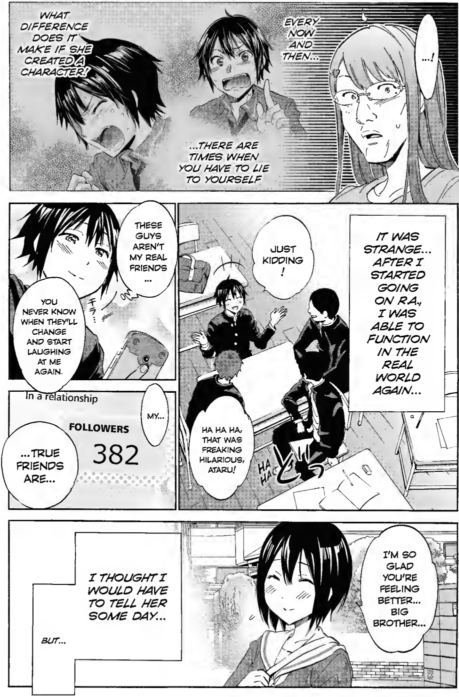
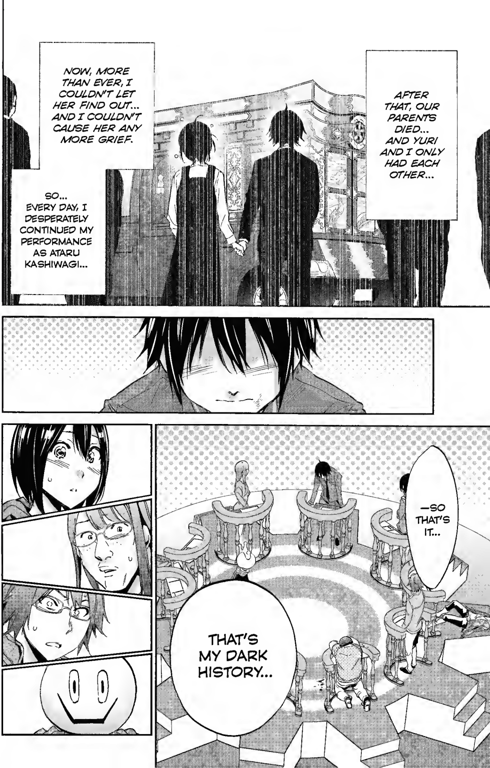
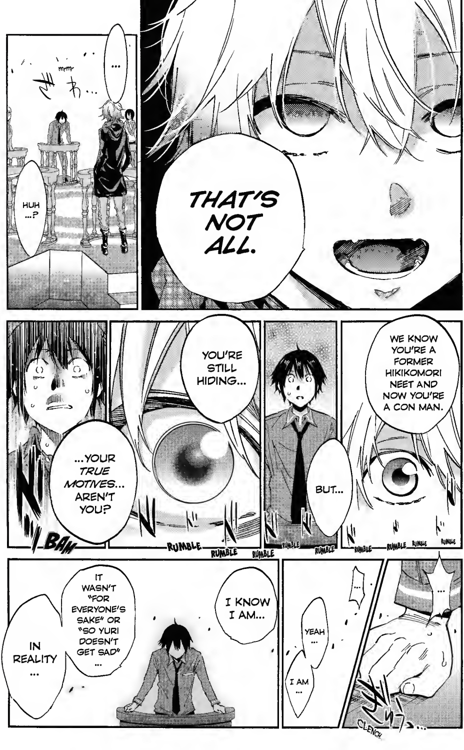

AAAAAAAAHHHHHH!!
I...
...STOPPED GOING OUTSIDE.
AAAAGH
ATARU?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING...? THAT'S YUMA'S PICTURE ...
DON'T ...

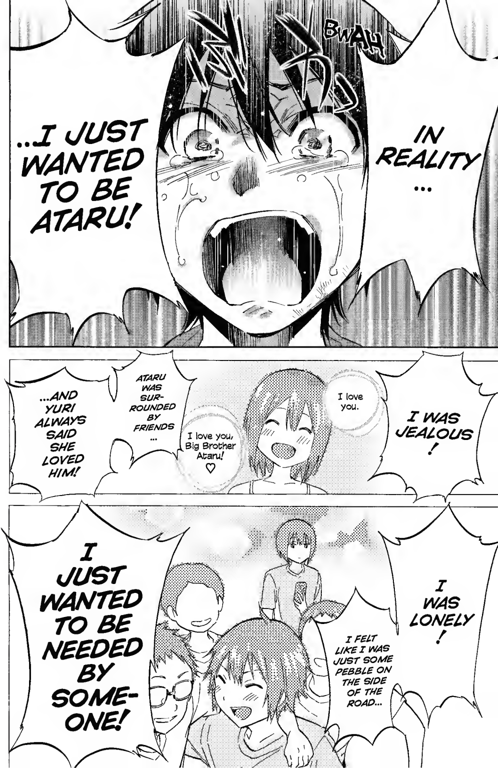

RIP
DON'T EVER TALK ABOUT HIM AGAIN!
RIP
RIP
TALKING ABOUT YUMA BECAME TABOO IN OUR HOUSEHOLD.
...
BIG BROTHER ...
SLAM
I...
I WAS AT MY LIMIT ...
HUFF HUFF ...
I CAN'T... I CAN'T BE BIG BROTHER ATARU...
I'M JUST A SECOND-RATE COPY!
BEWARE OF IDENTITY FRAUD ACCOUNTS!
Fake accounts that impersonate celebriti
Some cases even develop into scams.
...I'M JUST LIKE THEM— I'M A FRAUD.
ALL I'VE DONE IS DISHONOR HIS NAME ...
...
IDENTITY FRAUD ...
THE INTERNET...
...

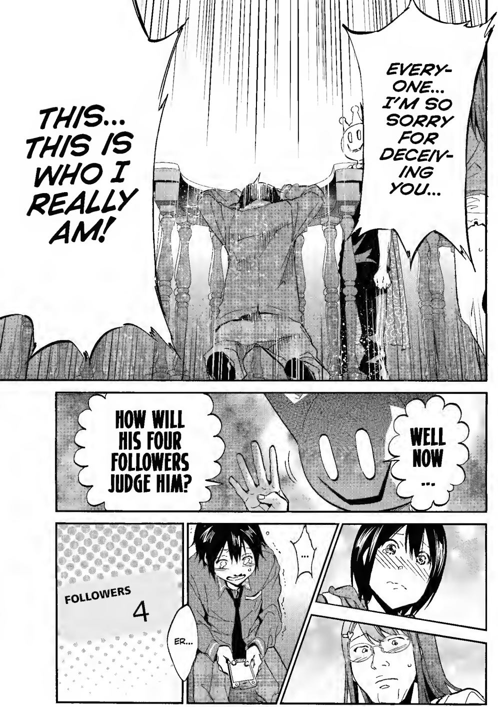

REAL ACCOUNT.
A NEW TYPE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SERVICE THAT SAW AN EXPLOSION IN USERS ALMOST INSTANTLY AFTER SERVICE STARTED.
REAL ACCOUNT
GAMES
COMMUNITY
PROFILE
TWEETT
BLOG
MESSAGES
OFFICIAL MASCOT CHARACTER
MARBLE
IT...WAS JUST THE KIND OF PLACE I WAS LOOKING FOR.
NO ONE WOULD LAUGH AT ME, OR DOUBT ME.
hanks for the RT!
That's great!
m following your account no
's be friends m(_ _)m
(^ ^)GJ!!
Your game ranking is crazy high! Respect, man! (><)
EVERYONE WOULD BE NICE TO ME...
IN THIS PLACE...
I COULD BE THE ATARU KASHIWAGI THAT'S INSIDE ME!
NAME: Ataru Kashiwagi
IN THIS PLACE...

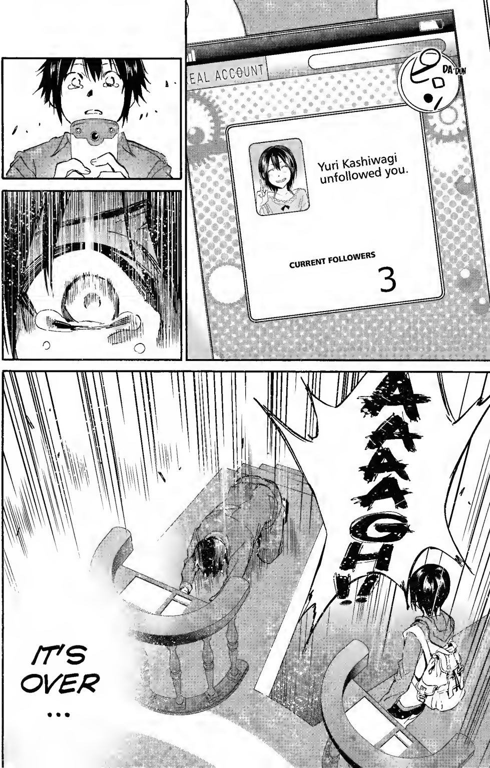

...!
EVERY NOW AND THEN...
...THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO LIE TO YOURSELF
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF SHE CREATED A CHARACTER!
IT WAS STRANGE... AFTER I STARTED GOING ON RA., I WAS ABLE TO FUNCTION IN THE REAL WORLD AGAIN...
JUST KIDDING!
HA HA HA, THAT WAS FREAKING HILARIOUS, ATARU!
HA HA
どっ
THESE GUYS AREN'T MY REAL FRIENDS ...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'LL CHANGE AND START LAUGHING AT ME AGAIN.
チラ
glance
In a relationship
FOLLOWERS
382
MY...
...TRUE FRIENDS ARE...
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER... BIG BROTHER...
I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE TO TELL HER SOME DAY...
BUT...

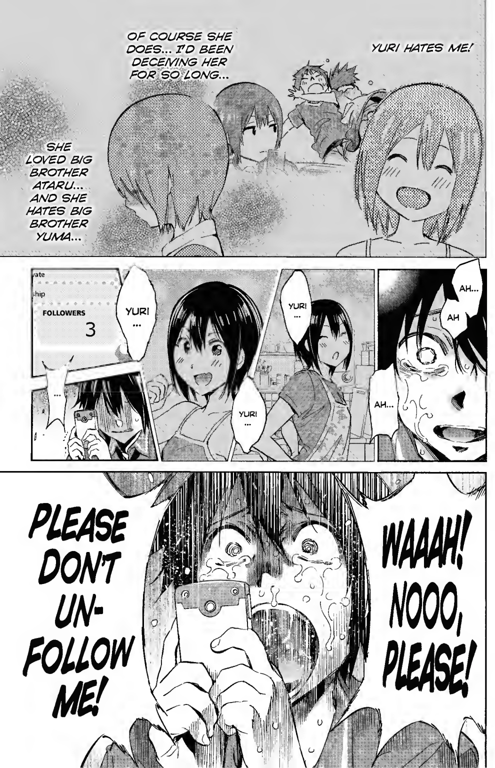

AFTER THAT, OUR PARENTS DIED... AND YURI AND I ONLY HAD EACH OTHER...
NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I COULDN'T LET HER FIND OUT... AND I COULDN'T CAUSE HER ANY MORE GRIEF.
SO... EVERY DAY, I DESPERATELY CONTINUED MY PERFORMANCE AS ATARU KASHIWAGI...
—SO THAT'S IT...
THAT'S MY DARK HISTORY...


THAT'S NOT ALL.
...
mrmr
HUH ...?
WE KNOW YOU'RE A FORMER HIKIKOMORI NEET AND NOW YOU'RE A CON MAN.
BUT...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
YOU'RE STILL HIDING...
...YOUR *TRUE MOTIVES*... AREN'T YOU?
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
BAM
...
...
YEAH ...
I AM ...
CLENCH
I KNOW I AM...
IT WASN'T "FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE" OR "SO YURI DOESN'T GET SAD" ...
IN REALITY ...


BWAH
IN REALITY...
...I JUST WANTED TO BE ATARU!
I WAS JEALOUS!
I love you.
I love you, Big Brother Ataru! ♡
ATARU WAS SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS...
...AND YURI ALWAYS SAID SHE LOVED HIM!
I WAS LONELY!
I FELT LIKE I WAS JUST SOME PEBBLE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD...
I JUST WANTED TO BE NEEDED BY SOMEONE!


EVERYONE... I'M SO SORRY FOR DECEIVING YOU...
THIS... THIS IS WHO I REALLY AM!
WELL NOW...
HOW WILL HIS FOUR FOLLOWERS JUDGE HIM?
...
ER...
FOLLOWERS
4


EAL ACCOUNT
DA-DUN
Yuri Kashiwagi unfollowed you.
CURRENT FOLLOWERS
3
AAAAGH!!
IT'S OVER ...


YURI HATES ME!
OF COURSE SHE DOES... I'D BEEN DECEIVING HER FOR SO LONG...
SHE LOVED BIG BROTHER ATARU... AND SHE HATES BIG BROTHER YUMA...
AH...
AH
AH...
YURI ...
YURI ...
YURI ...
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FOLLOWERS
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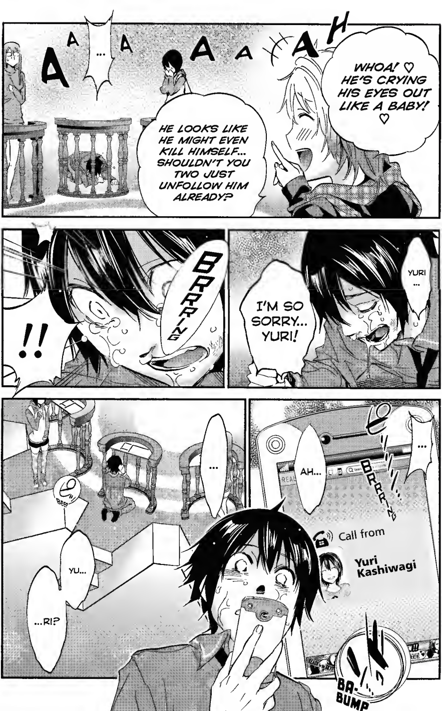
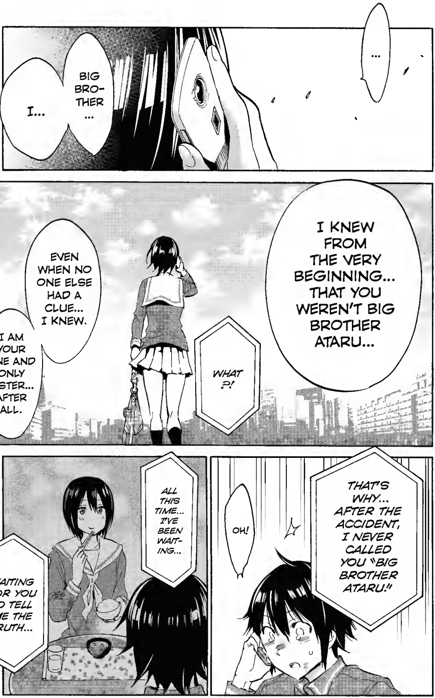
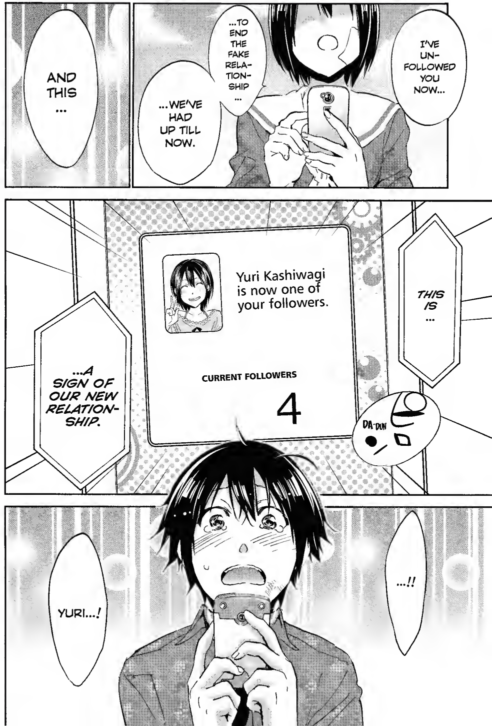
...
WAAAH! NOOO, PLEASE!
PLEASE DON'T UN-FOLLOW ME!


WHOA! ♡ HE'S CRYING HIS EYES OUT LIKE A BABY! ♡
AAAAAAAH
HE LOOKS LIKE HE MIGHT EVEN KILL HIMSELF... SHOULDN'T YOU TWO JUST UNFOLLOW HIM ALREADY?
...
YURI ...
I'M SO SORRY... YURI!
BRRRING
!!
...
BRRRRING
AH...
Call from
Yuri Kashiwagi
BA-BUMP
...
BEEP
YU...
...RI?


...
BIG BROTHER...
I...
I KNEW FROM THE VERY BEGINNING... THAT YOU WEREN'T BIG BROTHER ATARU...
WHAT ?!
EVEN WHEN NO ONE ELSE HAD A CLUE... I KNEW.
I AM YOUR ONE AND ONLY SISTER... AFTER ALL.
THAT'S WHY... AFTER THE ACCIDENT, I NEVER CALLED YOU "BIG BROTHER ATARU."
OH!
ALL THIS TIME... I'VE BEEN WAITING...
WAITING FOR YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH...


I'VE UN-FOLLOWED YOU NOW...
...TO END THE FAKE RELATIONSHIP...
...WE'VE HAD UP TILL NOW.
AND THIS ...
THIS IS ...
...A SIGN OF OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP.
DA-DUN
...!!
YURI...!

Yuri Kashiwagi is now one of your followers.

CURRENT FOLLOWERS

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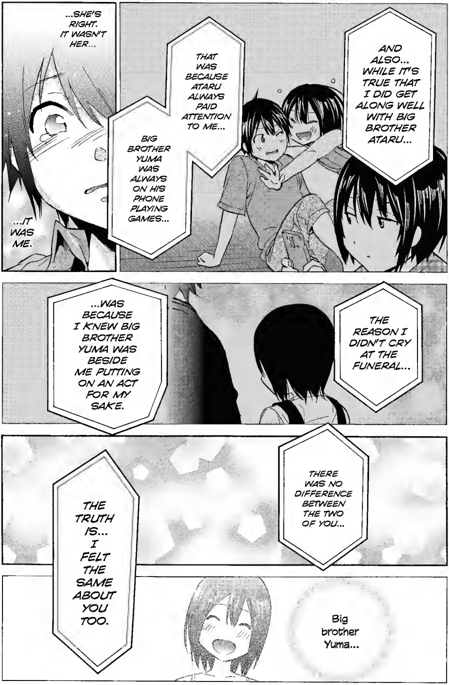
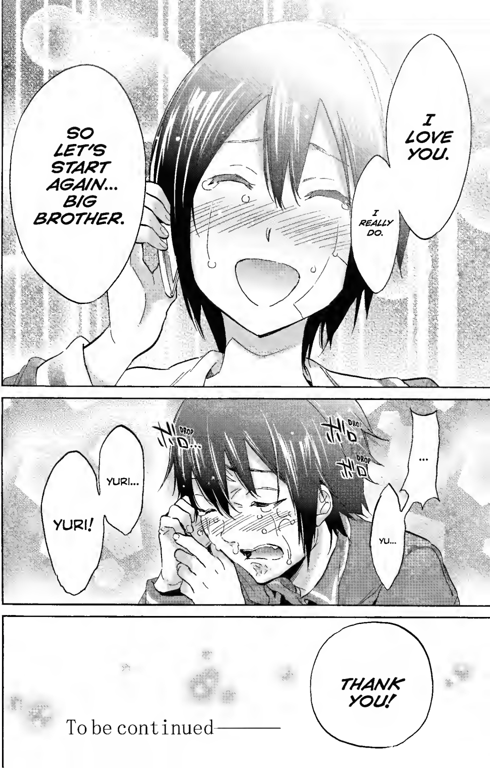
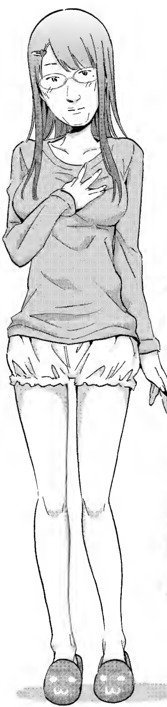

AND ALSO... WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT I DID GET ALONG WELL WITH BIG BROTHER ATARU...
THAT WAS BECAUSE ATARU ALWAYS PAID ATTENTION TO ME...
BIG BROTHER YUMA WAS ALWAYS ON HIS PHONE PLAYING GAMES...
...SHE'S RIGHT. IT WASN'T HER...
...IT WAS ME.
THE REASON I DIDN'T CRY AT THE FUNERAL...
...WAS BECAUSE I KNEW BIG BROTHER YUMA WAS BESIDE ME PUTTING ON AN ACT FOR MY SAKE.
THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU...
THE TRUTH IS... I FELT THE SAME ABOUT YOU TOO.
Big brother Yuma...


I LOVE YOU.
I REALLY DO.
SO LET'S START AGAIN... BIG BROTHER.
...
YU...
DROP
DROP
DROP
YURI...
YURI!
THANK YOU!

To be continued———



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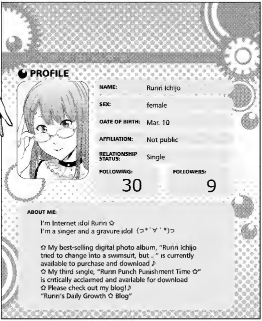
Dark History Trials (4)



PROFILE

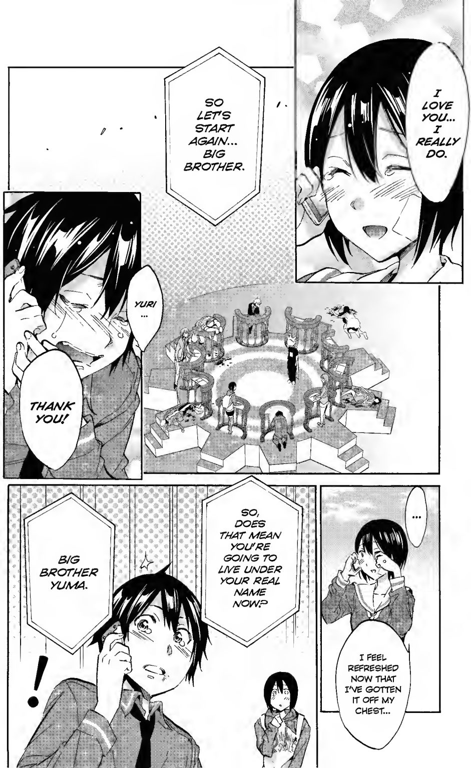
NAME: Ruriri Ichijo
SEX: female
DATE OF BIRTH: Mar. 10
AFFILIATION: Not public
RELATIONSHIP STATUS: Single

FOLLOWING:	**FOLLOWERS:**
30	9

ABOUT ME:

I'm Internet idol Ruriri ✩
I'm a singer and a gravure idol (⊃*´∀`*)⊃

✩ My best-selling digital photo album, "Ruriri Ichijo tried to change into a swimsuit, but . . ." is currently available to purchase and download ♪
✩ My third single, "Ruriri Punch Punishment Time ✩" is critically acclaimed and available for download
✩ Please check out my blog! ♪
"Ruriri's Daily Growth ✩ Blog"


I LOVE YOU... I REALLY DO.
SO LET'S START AGAIN... BIG BROTHER.
YURI ...
THANK YOU!
...
I FEEL REFRESHED NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN IT OFF MY CHEST...
SO, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE UNDER YOUR REAL NAME NOW?
BIG BROTHER YUMA.
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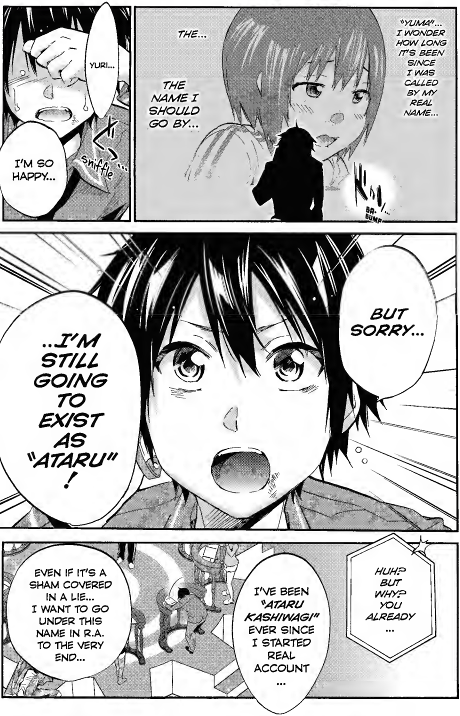
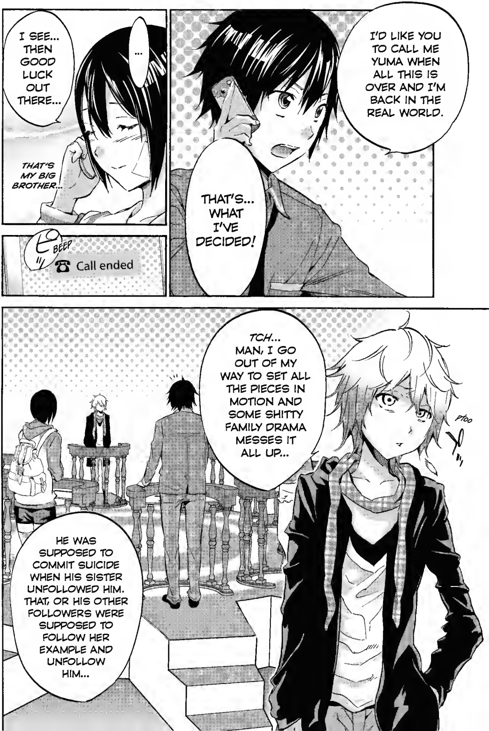
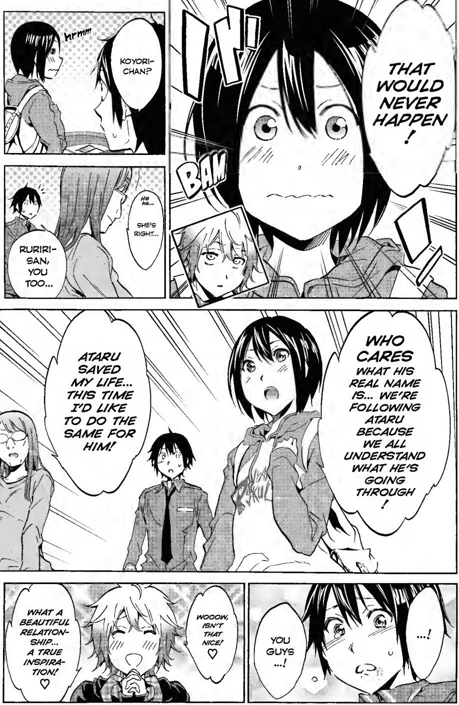
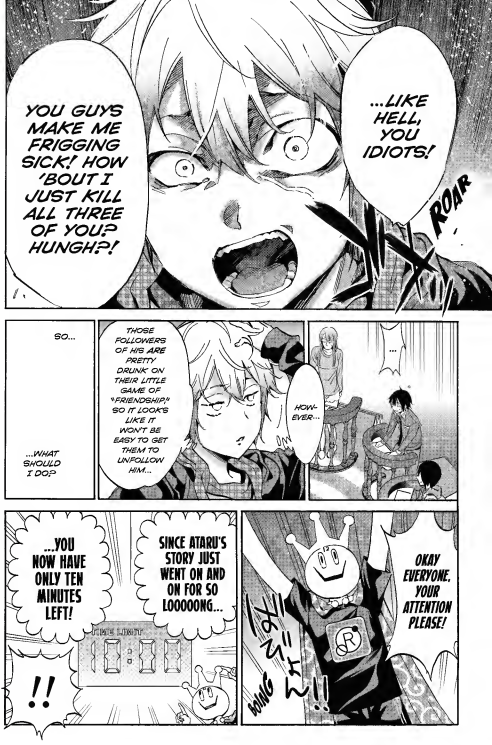
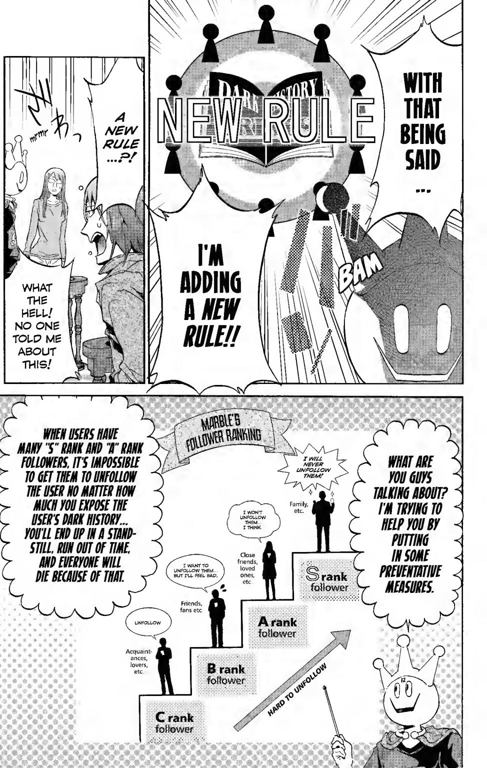
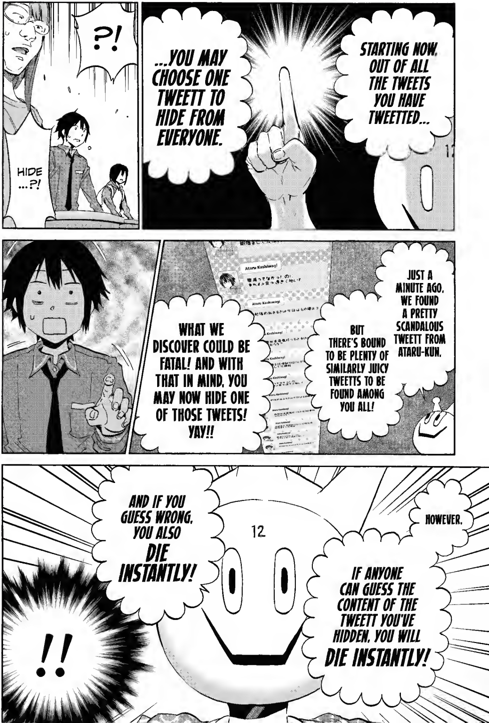

"YUMA"... I WONDER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I WAS CALLED BY MY REAL NAME...
THE...
THE NAME I SHOULD GO BY...
BA-BUMP
YURI...
I'M SO HAPPY...
sniffle
BUT SORRY...
...I'M STILL GOING TO EXIST AS "ATARU"!
HUH? BUT WHY? YOU ALREADY ...
I'VE BEEN "ATARU KASHIWAGI" EVER SINCE I STARTED REAL ACCOUNT ...
EVEN IF IT'S A SHAM COVERED IN A LIE... I WANT TO GO UNDER THIS NAME IN R.A. TO THE VERY END...

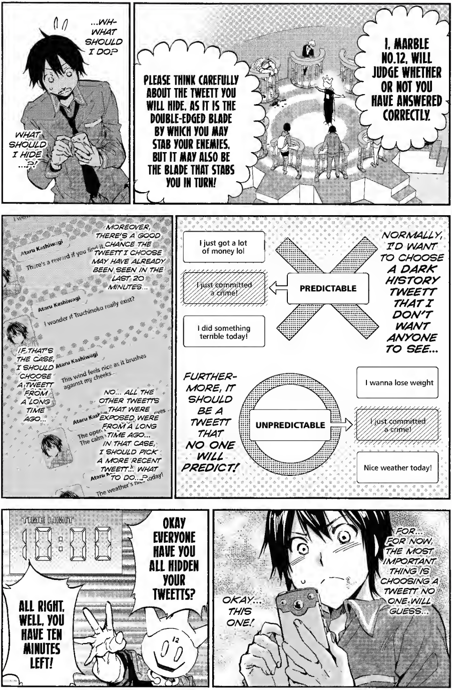

I'D LIKE YOU TO CALL ME YUMA WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER AND I'M BACK IN THE REAL WORLD.
THAT'S... WHAT I'VE DECIDED!
...
I SEE... THEN GOOD LUCK OUT THERE...
THAT'S MY BIG BROTHER...
BEEP
Call ended
TCH... MAN, I GO OUT OF MY WAY TO SET ALL THE PIECES IN MOTION AND SOME SHITTY FAMILY DRAMA MESSES IT ALL UP...
ptoo
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO COMMIT SUICIDE WHEN HIS SISTER UNFOLLOWED HIM. THAT, OR HIS OTHER FOLLOWERS WERE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE AND UNFOLLOW HIM...

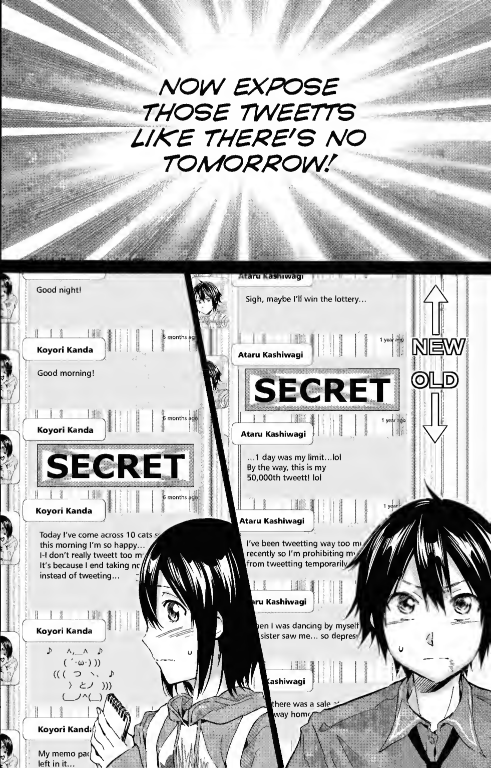

THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN!
BAM
hrmm
KOYORI-CHAN?
He... SHE'S RIGHT...
RURIRI-SAN, YOU TOO...
WHO CARES WHAT HIS REAL NAME IS... WE'RE FOLLOWING ATARU BECAUSE WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S GOING THROUGH!
ATARU SAVED MY LIFE... THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO DO THE SAME FOR HIM!
...!
YOU GUYS ...!
WOOOW, ISN'T THAT NICE! ♡
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP... A TRUE INSPIRATION! ♡


...LIKE HELL, YOU IDIOTS!
YOU GUYS MAKE ME FRIGGING SICK! HOW 'BOUT I JUST KILL ALL THREE OF YOU? HUNGH?!
ROAR
...
HOW-EVER...
THOSE FOLLOWERS OF HIS ARE PRETTY DRUNK ON THEIR LITTLE GAME OF "FRIENDSHIP," SO IT LOOKS LIKE IT WON'T BE EASY TO GET THEM TO UNFOLLOW HIM...
SO...
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OKAY EVERYONE, YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
BOING
SINCE ATARU'S STORY JUST WENT ON AND ON FOR SO LOOOOONG...
...YOU NOW HAVE ONLY TEN MINUTES LEFT!
TIME LIMIT
10:00
!!


WITH THAT BEING SAID...
DARK HISTORY RULE
NEW RULE
I'M ADDING A NEW RULE!!
BAM
A NEW RULE...?!
ザわっ
mrmr
WHAT THE HELL! NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU BY PUTTING IN SOME PREVENTATIVE MEASURES.
MARBLE'S FOLLOWER RANKING
I WILL NEVER UNFOLLOW THEM!
Family, etc.
S rank follower
I WON'T UNFOLLOW THEM... I THINK.
Close friends, loved ones, etc.
A rank follower
I WANT TO UNFOLLOW THEM... BUT I'LL FEEL BAD.
Friends, fans etc
B rank follower
UNFOLLOW
Acquaintances, lovers, etc.
C rank follower
HARD TO UNFOLLOW
WHEN USERS HAVE MANY "S" RANK AND "A" RANK FOLLOWERS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THEM TO UNFOLLOW THE USER NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU EXPOSE THE USER'S DARK HISTORY... YOU'LL END UP IN A STANDSTILL, RUN OUT OF TIME, AND EVERYONE WILL DIE BECAUSE OF THAT.


STARTING NOW, OUT OF ALL THE TWEETS YOU HAVE TWEETTED...
...YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE TWEETT TO HIDE FROM EVERYONE.
12
?!
HIDE ...?!
JUST A MINUTE AGO, WE FOUND A PRETTY SCANDALOUS TWEETT FROM ATARU-KUN.
BUT THERE'S BOUND TO BE PLENTY OF SIMILARLY JUICY TWEETTS TO BE FOUND AMONG YOU ALL!
Ataru Kashiwagi
WHAT WE DISCOVER COULD BE FATAL! AND WITH THAT IN MIND, YOU MAY NOW HIDE ONE OF THOSE TWEETS! YAY!!
HOWEVER,
IF ANYONE CAN GUESS THE CONTENT OF THE TWEETT YOU'VE HIDDEN, YOU WILL DIE INSTANTLY!
12
AND IF YOU GUESS WRONG, YOU ALSO DIE INSTANTLY!
!!


I, MARBLE NO.12, WILL JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE ANSWERED CORRECTLY.
PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE TWEETT YOU WILL HIDE, AS IT IS THE DOUBLE-EDGED BLADE BY WHICH YOU MAY STAB YOUR ENEMIES, BUT IT MAY ALSO BE THE BLADE THAT STABS YOU IN TURN!
...WH- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I HIDE ...?!
NORMALLY, I'D WANT TO CHOOSE A DARK HISTORY TWEETT THAT I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE...
I just got a lot of money lol
I just committed a crime!
I did something terrible today!
PREDICTABLE
FURTHERMORE, IT SHOULD BE A TWEETT THAT NO ONE WILL PREDICT!
UNPREDICTABLE
I wanna lose weight
I just committed a crime!
Nice weather today!
MOREOVER, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THE TWEETT I CHOOSE MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEEN IN THE LAST 20 MINUTES...
Ataru Kashiwagi
There's a reward if you find it
Ataru Kashiwagi
I wonder if Tsuchinoko really exist?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I SHOULD CHOOSE A TWEETT FROM A LONG TIME AGO...
Ataru Kashiwagi
This wind feels nice as it brushes against my cheeks...
NO... ALL THE OTHER TWEETTS THAT WERE EXPOSED WERE FROM A LONG TIME AGO... IN THAT CASE, I SHOULD PICK A MORE RECENT TWEETT... WHAT TO DO...?
The weather's nice today!
FOR... FOR NOW, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS CHOOSING A TWEETT NO ONE WILL GUESS...
OKAY... THIS ONE!
TIME LIMIT 10:00
OKAY EVERYONE HAVE YOU ALL HIDDEN YOUR TWEETTS?
ALL RIGHT, WELL, YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES LEFT!


NOW EXPOSE THOSE TWEETTS LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW!
NEW
OLD

Ataru Kashiwagi

Sigh, maybe I'll win the lottery...

1 year ago

Ataru Kashiwagi

SECRET

1 year ago

Ataru Kashiwagi

...1 day was my limit...lol
By the way, this is my
50,000th tweett! lol

1 year

Ataru Kashiwagi

I've been tweetting way too m
recently so I'm prohibiting m
from tweetting temporarily

aru Kashiwagi

hen I was dancing by myself
sister saw me... so depres

Kashiwagi

there was a sale a
way hom

Good night!

5 months ago

Koyori Kanda

Good morning!

6 months ago

Koyori Kanda

SECRET

6 months ago

Koyori Kanda

Today I've come across 10 cats s
this morning I'm so happy...
I-I don't really tweett too m
It's because I end taking no
instead of tweeting...

Koyori Kanda

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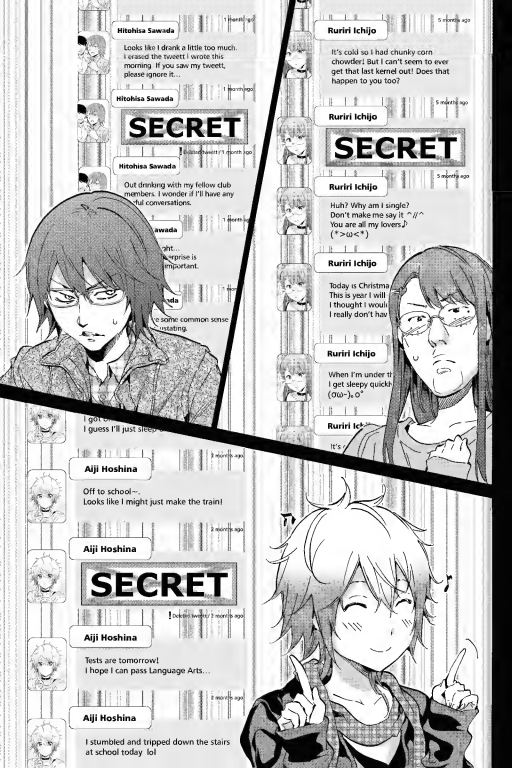
Koyori Kanda

My memo pa
left in it...



5 months ago

Ruriri Ichijo

It's cold so I had chunky corn chowder! But I can't seem to ever get that last kernel out! Does that happen to you too?

5 months ago

Ruriri Ichijo

SECRET

5 months ago

Ruriri Ichijo

Huh? Why am I single?
Don't make me say it ^//^
You are all my lovers♪
(*>ω<*)

Ruriri Ichijo

Today is Christma
This is year I will
I thought I woul
I really don't hav

Ruriri Ichijo

When I'm under th
I get sleepy quickl
(σω-)。o°

Ruriri Ich

It's

1 month ago

Hitohisa Sawada

Looks like I drank a little too much. I erased the tweett I wrote this morning If you saw my tweett, please ignore it...

1 month ago

Hitohisa Sawada

SECRET

! Deleted tweett / 1 month ago

Hitohisa Sawada

Out drinking with my fellow club members. I wonder if I'll have any ful conversations.

1 month ago

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ght...
erprise is
important.

1 mon

ada

e some common sense
ustating.

I got o
I guess I'll just sleep

2 months ago

Aiji Hoshina

Off to school~.
Looks like I might just make the train!

2 months ago

Aiji Hoshina

SECRET

! Deleted tweett / 2 months ago

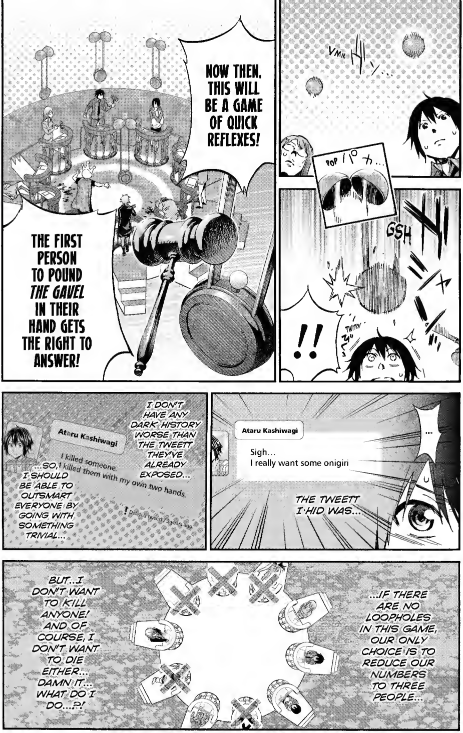
Aiji Hoshina

Tests are tomorrow!
I hope I can pass Language Arts...

2 months ago

Aiji Hoshina

I stumbled and tripped down the stairs at school today lol


NOW THEN, THIS WILL BE A GAME OF QUICK REFLEXES!
THE FIRST PERSON TO POUND *THE GAVEL* IN THEIR HAND GETS THE RIGHT TO ANSWER!
VMN
POP
GSH
TWITCH
!!
I DON'T HAVE ANY DARK HISTORY WORSE THAN THE TWEETT THEY'VE ALREADY EXPOSED...
...SO, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO OUTSMART EVERYONE BY GOING WITH SOMETHING TRIVIAL...

Ataru Kashiwagi

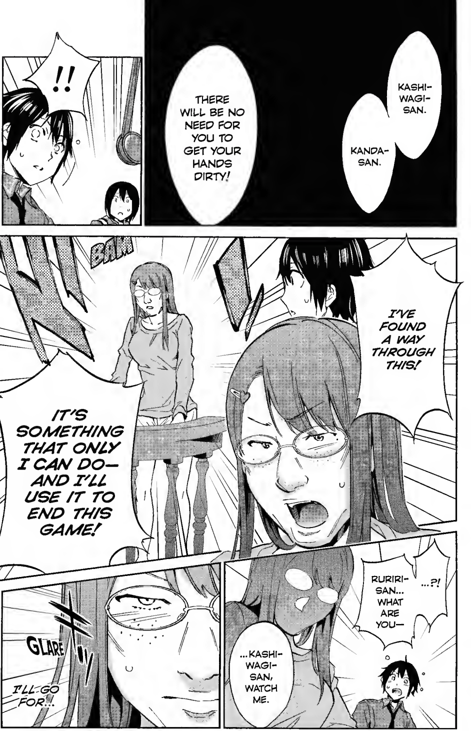
I killed someone.
I killed them with my own two hands.

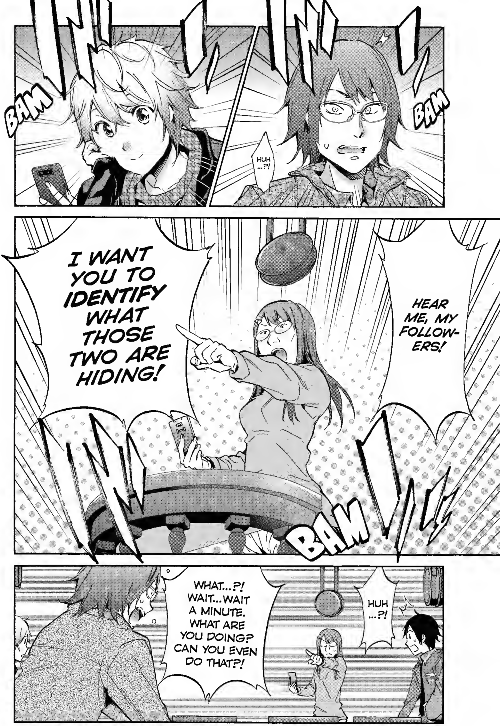
! Delete a tweett / 3 years ago

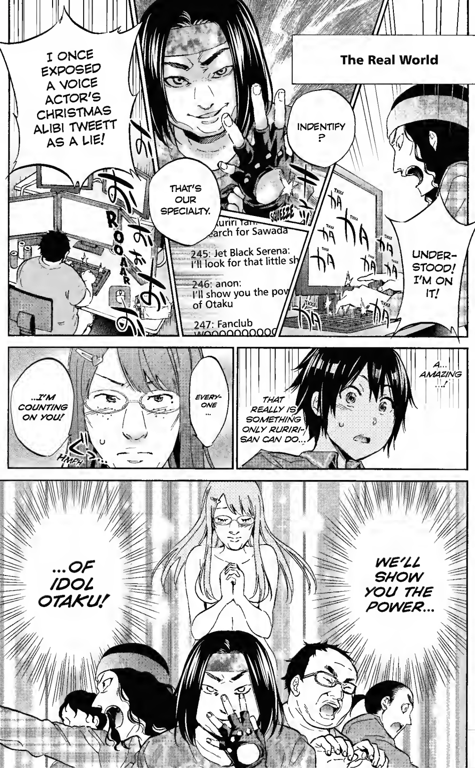
Ataru Kashiwagi

Sigh…
I really want some onigiri

...
THE TWEETT I HID WAS...
BUT...I DON'T WANT TO KILL ANYONE! AND OF COURSE, I DON'T WANT TO DIE EITHER... DAMN IT... WHAT DO I DO...?!
...IF THERE ARE NO LOOPHOLES IN THIS GAME, OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO REDUCE OUR NUMBERS TO THREE PEOPLE...


KASHI-WAGI-SAN.
KANDA-SAN.
THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR YOU TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY!
!!
BAM
I'VE FOUND A WAY THROUGH THIS!
IT'S SOMETHING THAT ONLY I CAN DO— AND I'LL USE IT TO END THIS GAME!
...?!
RURIRI-SAN... WHAT ARE YOU—
...KASHI-WAGI-SAN, WATCH ME.
GLARE
I'LL GO FOR...


BAM
HUH ...?!
BAM
HEAR ME, MY FOLLOWERS!
I WANT YOU TO IDENTIFY WHAT THOSE TWO ARE HIDING!
BAM
HUH ...?!
WHAT...?! WAIT...WAIT A MINUTE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? CAN YOU EVEN DO THAT?!



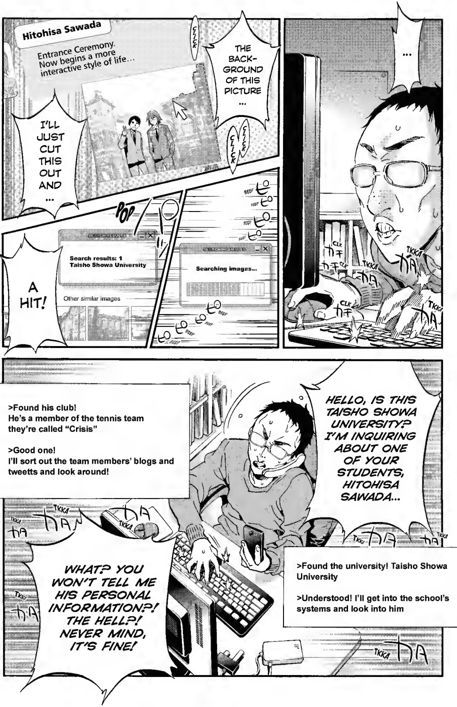
The Real World
INDENTIFY ?
I ONCE EXPOSED A VOICE ACTOR'S CHRISTMAS ALIBI TWEETT AS A LIE!
THAT'S OUR SPECIALTY.
SQUEEZE
ROOAAR
TKKA TKKA TKKA
UNDER-STOOD! I'M ON IT!
A... AMAZING ...!
THAT REALLY IS SOMETHING ONLY RURIRI-SAN CAN DO...
EVERY-ONE ...
...I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
HMPH
WE'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER...
...OF IDOL OTAKU!

uriri fan:
earch for Sawada

245: Jet Black Serena:
I'll look for that little sh

246: anon:
I'll show you the pow
of Otaku

247: Fanclub
WOOOOOOOOOO


...
CLICK
CLICK
THE BACKGROUND OF THIS PICTURE ...
I'LL JUST CUT THIS OUT AND ...
POP
BEEP
CLK
TKKA
Searching images...
Search results: 1
Taisho Showa University
Other similar images
A HIT!
HELLO, IS THIS TAISHO SHOWA UNIVERSITY? I'M INQUIRING ABOUT ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS, HITOHISA SAWADA...
TKKA
WHAT? YOU WON'T TELL ME HIS PERSONAL INFORMATION?! THE HELL?! NEVER MIND, IT'S FINE!

Hitohisa Sawada

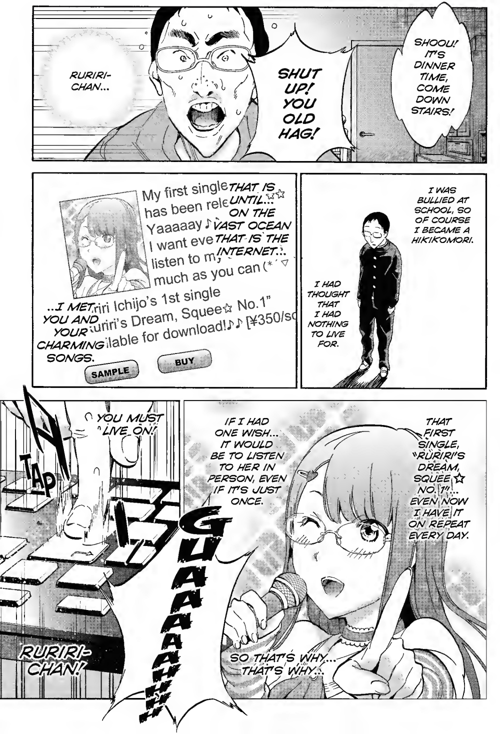
Entrance Ceremony.
Now begins a more interactive style of life...

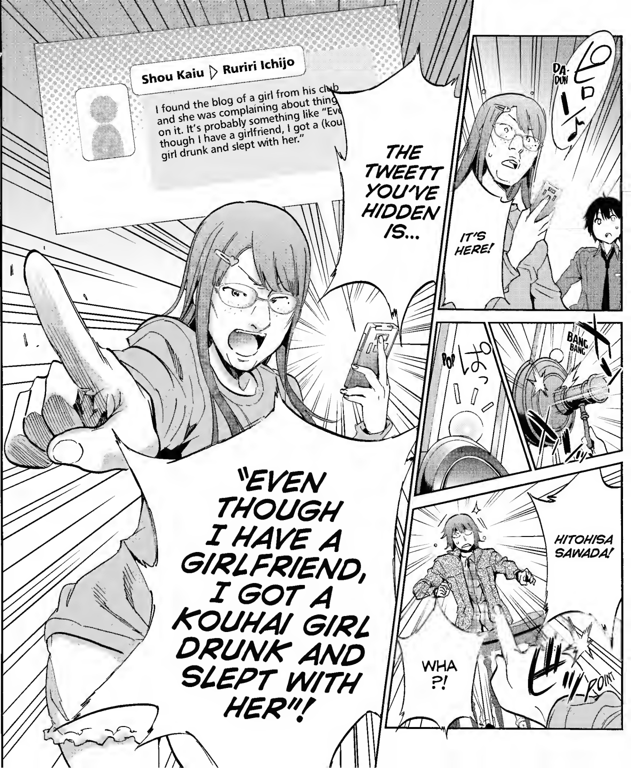
>Found the university! Taisho Showa University

>Understood! I'll get into the school's systems and look into him

>Found his club!
He's a member of the tennis team they're called "Crisis"

>Good one!
I'll sort out the team members' blogs and tweetts and look around!

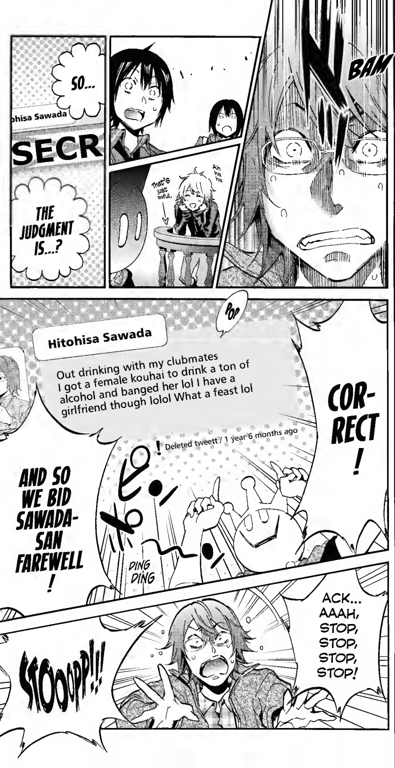

SHOOU! IT'S DINNER TIME, COME DOWN STAIRS!
SHUT UP! YOU OLD HAG!
RURIRI-CHAN...
I WAS BULLIED AT SCHOOL, SO OF COURSE I BECAME A HIKIKOMORI.
I HAD THOUGHT THAT I HAD NOTHING TO LIVE FOR.
My first single has been rele
Yaaaaay ♪
I want eve
listen to m
much as you can (*´▽
riri Ichijo's 1st single
uriri's Dream, Squee☆ No.1"
ilable for download!♪♪ [¥350/sc
SAMPLE
BUY
THAT IS UNTIL... ON THE VAST OCEAN THAT IS THE INTERNET...
...I MET YOU AND YOUR CHARMING SONGS.
THAT FIRST SINGLE, "RURIRI'S DREAM, SQUEE☆ NO. 1"... EVEN NOW I HAVE IT ON REPEAT EVERY DAY.
IF I HAD ONE WISH... IT WOULD BE TO LISTEN TO HER IN PERSON, EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONCE.
SO THAT'S WHY... THAT'S WHY...
YOU MUST LIVE ON!
TAP
GUAAAAAAHH
RURIRI-CHAN!


DA-DUN
IT'S HERE!
THE TWEETT YOU'VE HIDDEN IS...

Shou Kaiu ▷ Ruriri Ichijo

I found the blog of a girl from his club and she was complaining about thing on it. It's probably something like "Eve though I have a girlfriend, I got a (kou girl drunk and slept with her."

BANG BANG
POP
ぱっ
HITOHISA SAWADA!
WHA?!
POINT
"EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, I GOT A KOUHAI GIRL DRUNK AND SLEPT WITH HER"!


BAM
Ah ha ha
That's just awful.
SO...
SECR
THE JUDGMENT IS...?
POP

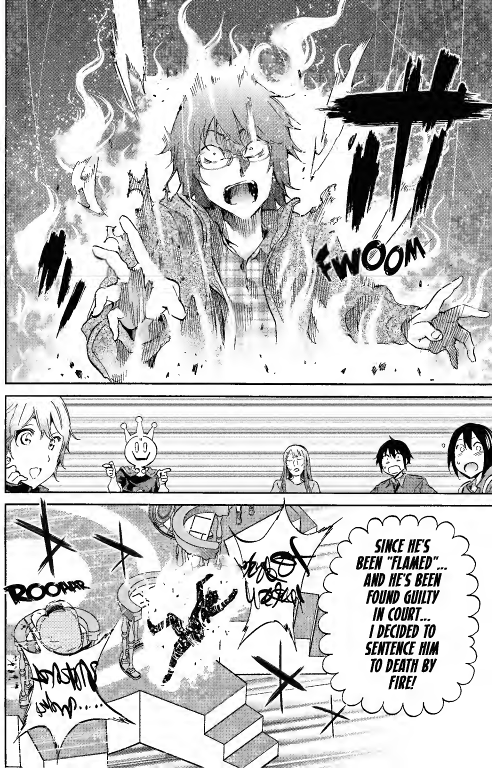
hisa Sawada

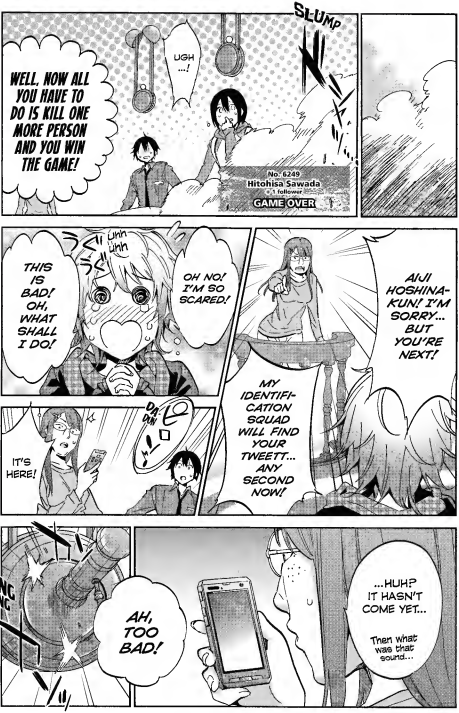
Hitohisa Sawada

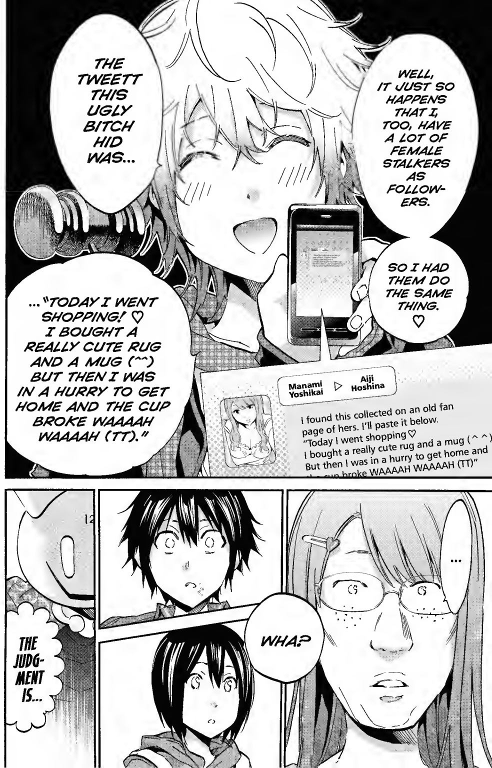
Out drinking with my clubmates I got a female kouhai to drink a ton of alcohol and banged her lol I have a girlfriend though lolol What a feast lol

Deleted tweett / 1 year 6 months ago

CORRECT!
AND SO WE BID SAWADA-SAN FAREWELL!
DING DING
ACK... AAAH, STOP, STOP, STOP, STOP!
STOOOPP!!!

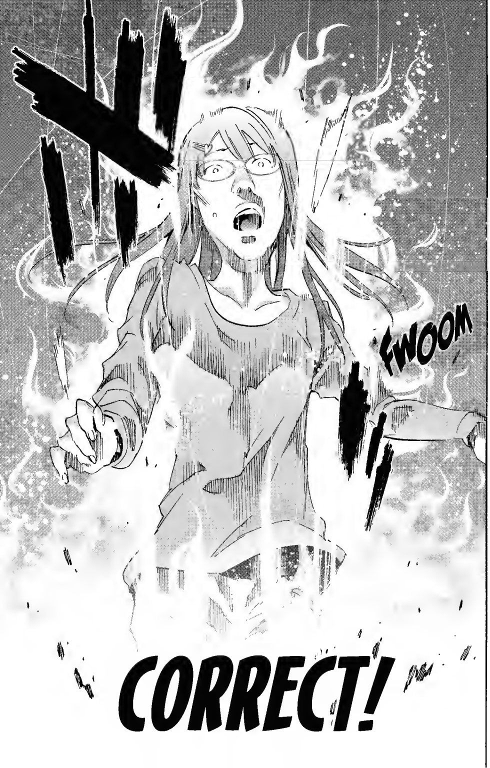

FWOOM
SINCE HE'S BEEN "FLAMED"... AND HE'S BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN COURT... I DECIDED TO SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH BY FIRE!
ROOAAR

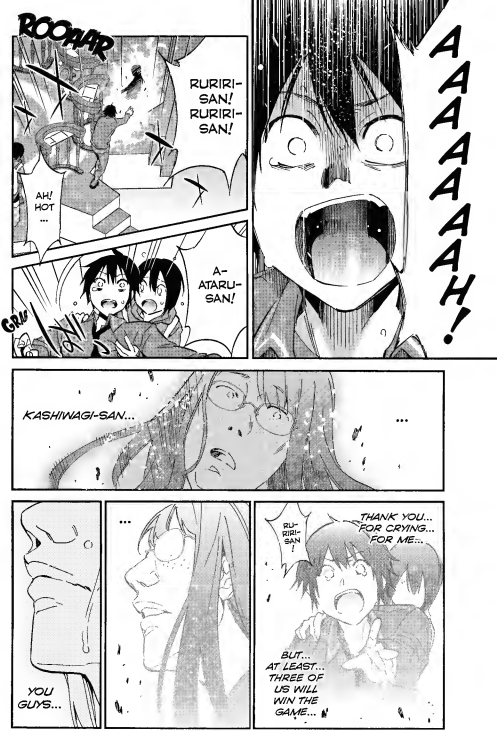

SLUMP
UGH ...!
WELL, NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KILL ONE MORE PERSON AND YOU WIN THE GAME!
No. 6249
Hitohisa Sawada
+ 1 follower
GAME OVER
AIJI HOSHINA-KUN! I'M SORRY... BUT YOU'RE NEXT!
MY IDENTIFICATION SQUAD WILL FIND YOUR TWEETT... ANY SECOND NOW!
OH NO! I'M SO SCARED!
uhh uhh
THIS IS BAD! OH, WHAT SHALL I DO!
DA-DUN
IT'S HERE!
...HUH? IT HASN'T COME YET...
Then what was that sound...
AH, TOO BAD!
BANG BANG

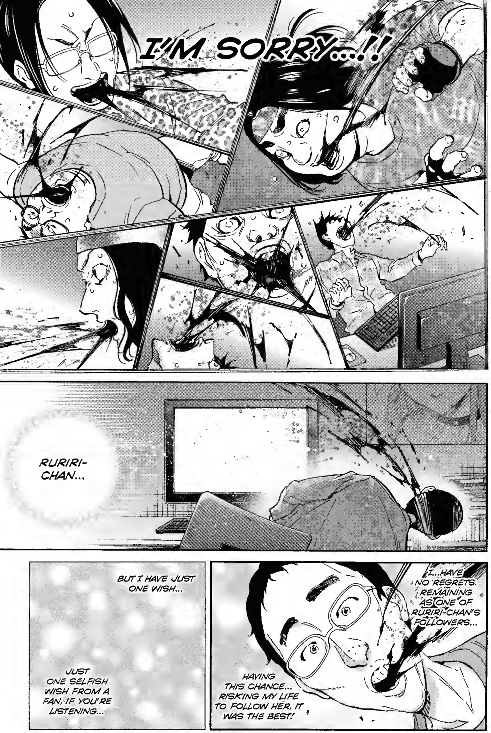

WELL, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I, TOO, HAVE A LOT OF FEMALE STALKERS AS FOLLOWERS.
SO I HAD THEM DO THE SAME THING. ♡
THE TWEETT THIS UGLY BITCH HID WAS...
..."TODAY I WENT SHOPPING! ♡ I BOUGHT A REALLY CUTE RUG AND A MUG (^^) BUT THEN I WAS IN A HURRY TO GET HOME AND THE CUP BROKE WAAAAH WAAAAH (TT)."
...
WHA?
12
THE JUDGMENT IS...

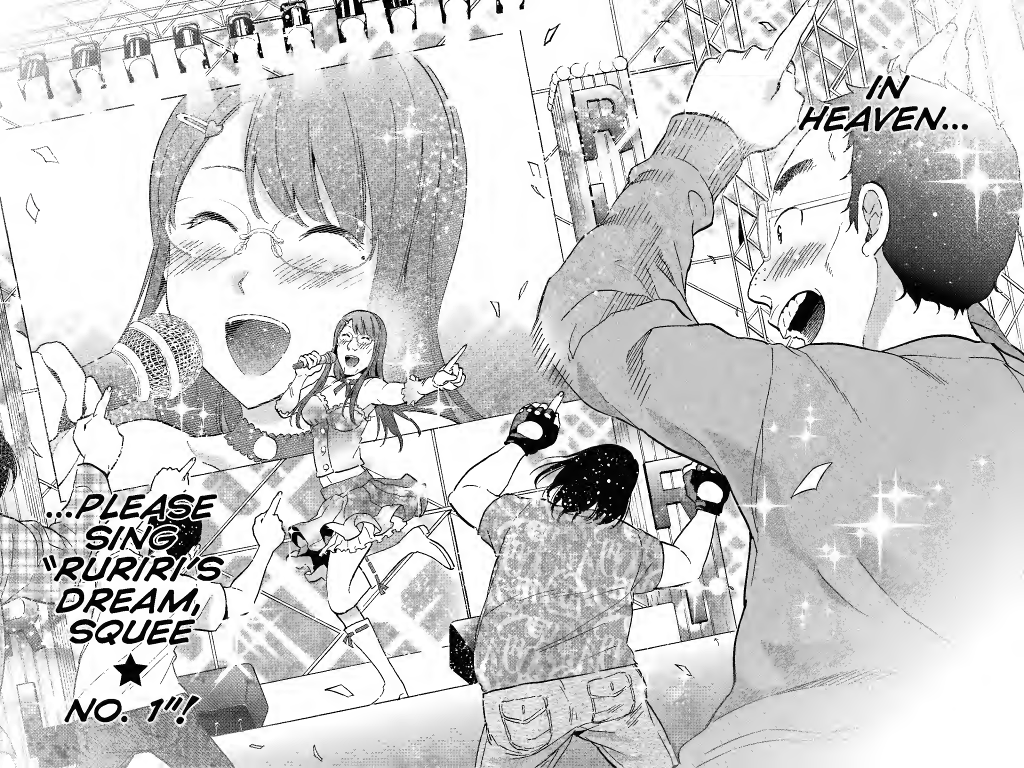
Manami Yoshikai ▷ **Aiji Hoshina**

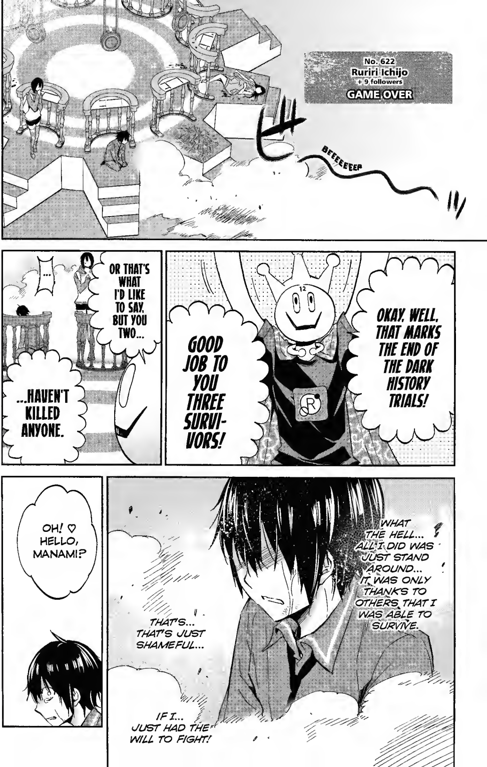
I found this collected on an old fan page of hers. I'll paste it below.
"Today I went shopping ♡
I bought a really cute rug and a mug (^ ^)
But then I was in a hurry to get home and
cup broke WAAAAH WAAAAH (TT)"

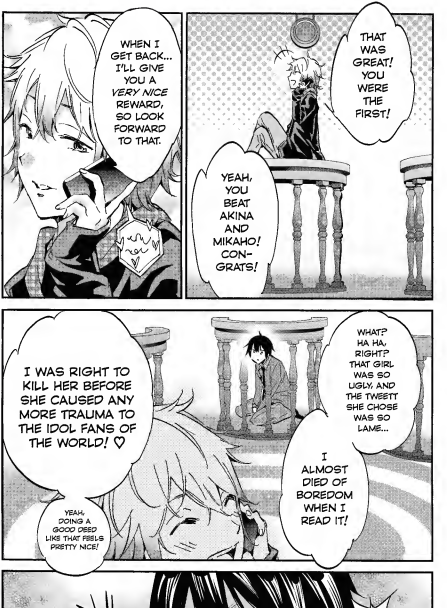

FWOOM
CORRECT!

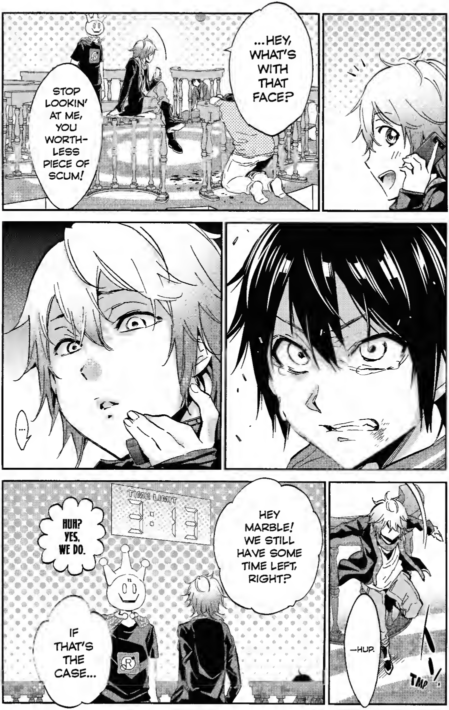

ROOAAR
RURIRI-SAN! RURIRI-SAN!
AH! HOT ...
GRAB
A-ATARU-SAN!
AAAAAAAH!
KASHIWAGI-SAN...
...
YOU GUYS...
...
RURIRI-SAN!
THANK YOU... FOR CRYING... FOR ME...
BUT... AT LEAST... THREE OF US WILL WIN THE GAME...

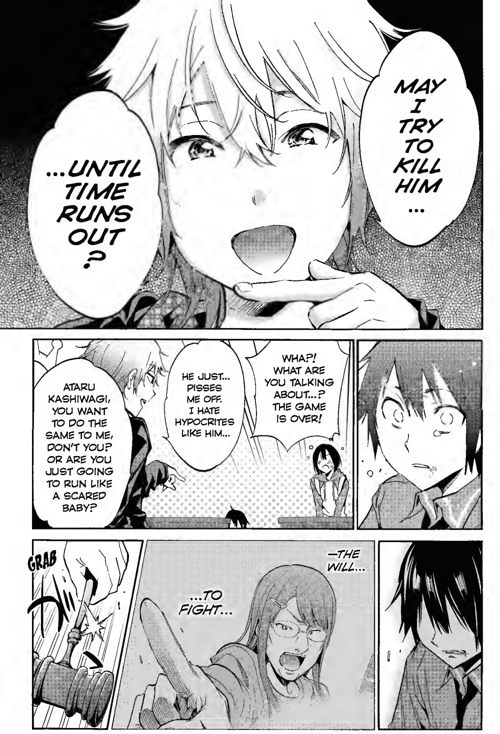

I'M SORRY...!!
RURIRI-CHAN...
I...HAVE NO REGRETS. REMAINING AS ONE OF RURIRI-CHAN'S FOLLOWERS...
HAVING THIS CHANCE... RISKING MY LIFE TO FOLLOW HER, IT WAS THE BEST!
BUT I HAVE JUST ONE WISH...
JUST ONE SELFISH WISH FROM A FAN, IF YOU'RE LISTENING...

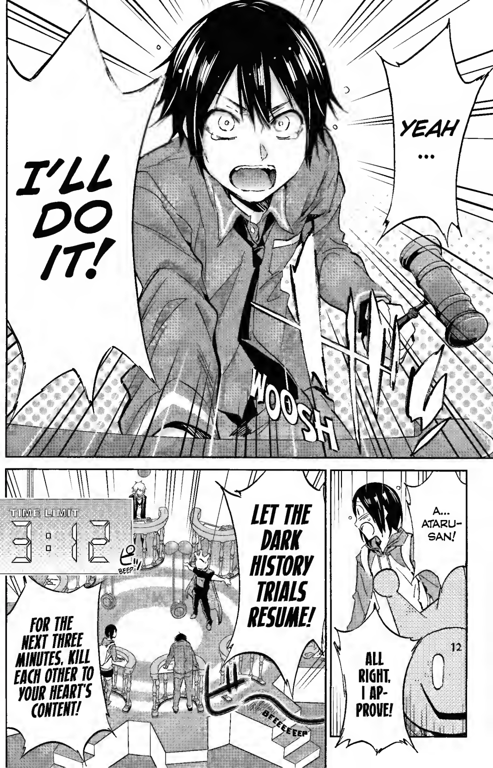

IN HEAVEN...
...PLEASE SING "RURIRI'S DREAM, SQUEE ★ NO. 1"!

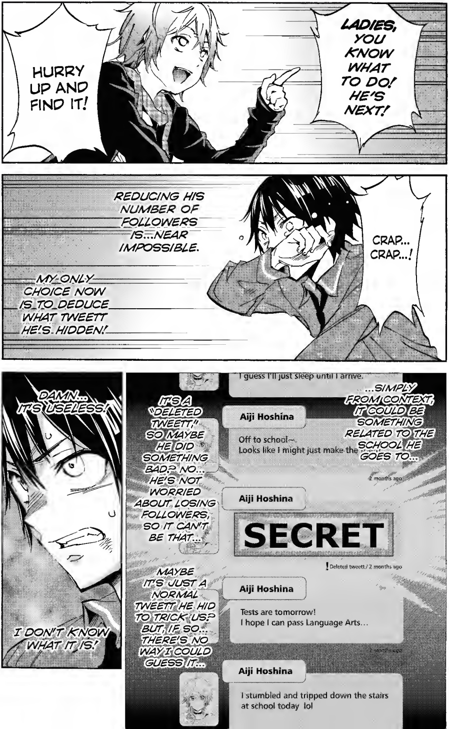

No. 622
Ruriri Ichijo
+ 9 followers
GAME OVER
BEEEEEEEP
OKAY, WELL, THAT MARKS THE END OF THE DARK HISTORY TRIALS!
GOOD JOB TO YOU THREE SURVIVORS!
OR THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT YOU TWO...
...
...HAVEN'T KILLED ANYONE.
WHAT THE HELL... ALL I DID WAS JUST STAND AROUND... IT WAS ONLY THANKS TO OTHERS THAT I WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE.
THAT'S... THAT'S JUST SHAMEFUL...
IF I... JUST HAD THE WILL TO FIGHT!
OH! ♡ HELLO, MANAMI!?


THAT WAS GREAT! YOU WERE THE FIRST!
YEAH, YOU BEAT AKINA AND MIKAHO! CONGRATS!
WHEN I GET BACK... I'LL GIVE YOU A *VERY NICE* REWARD, SO LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.
WHAT? HA HA, RIGHT? THAT GIRL WAS SO UGLY, AND THE TWEETT SHE CHOSE WAS SO LAME...
I ALMOST DIED OF BOREDOM WHEN I READ IT!
I WAS RIGHT TO KILL HER BEFORE SHE CAUSED ANY MORE TRAUMA TO THE IDOL FANS OF THE WORLD! ♡
YEAH, DOING A GOOD DEED LIKE THAT FEELS PRETTY NICE!
...
CLENCH
>...


...HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
STOP LOOKIN' AT ME, YOU WORTHLESS PIECE OF SCUM!
...
—HUP.
TMP
TIME LIMIT 3:13
HEY MARBLE! WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME LEFT, RIGHT?
HUH? YES, WE DO.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...


MAY I TRY TO KILL HIM...
...UNTIL TIME RUNS OUT?
WHA?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...? THE GAME IS OVER!
HE JUST... PISSES ME OFF. I HATE HYPOCRITES LIKE HIM...
ATARU KASHIWAGI, YOU WANT TO DO THE SAME TO ME, DON'T YOU? OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO RUN LIKE A SCARED BABY?
—THE WILL...
...TO FIGHT...
GRAB


YEAH...
I'LL DO IT!
WOOSH
A... ATARU-SAN!
ALL RIGHT, I APPROVE!
12
LET THE DARK HISTORY TRIALS RESUME!
TIME LIMIT
3:12
BEEP
FOR THE NEXT THREE MINUTES, KILL EACH OTHER TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!
BEEEEEEEP


LADIES, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! HE'S NEXT!
HURRY UP AND FIND IT!
CRAP... CRAP...!
REDUCING HIS NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS IS...NEAR IMPOSSIBLE.
MY ONLY CHOICE NOW IS TO DEDUCE WHAT TWEETT HE'S HIDDEN!
...SIMPLY FROM CONTEXT, IT COULD BE SOMETHING RELATED TO THE SCHOOL HE GOES TO...
IT'S A "DELETED TWEETT," SO MAYBE HE DID SOMETHING BAD? NO... HE'S NOT WORRIED ABOUT LOSING FOLLOWERS, SO IT CAN'T BE THAT...
MAYBE IT'S JUST A NORMAL TWEETT HE HID TO TRICK US? BUT, IF SO... THERE'S NO WAY I COULD GUESS IT...
DAMN... IT'S USELESS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!

I guess I'll just sleep until I arrive.

Aiji Hoshina

Off to school~.
Looks like I might just make the

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Aiji Hoshina

SECRET

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Aiji Hoshina

Tests are tomorrow!
I hope I can pass Language Arts...

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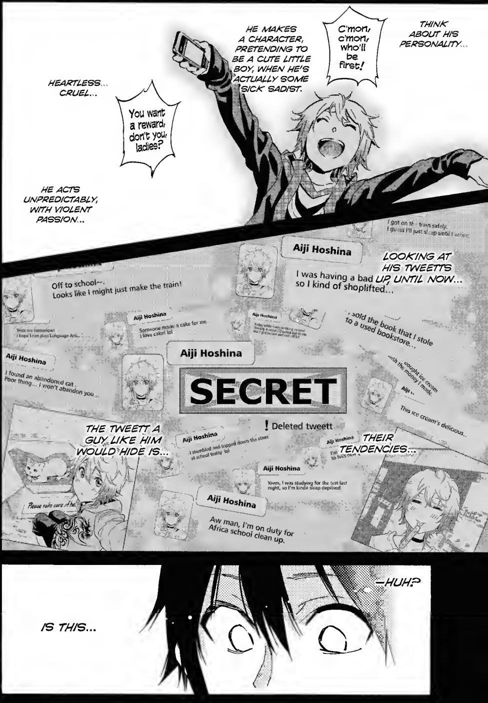
Aiji Hoshina

I stumbled and tripped down the stairs at school today lol


THINK ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY...
C'mon, c'mon, who'll be first!
HE MAKES A CHARACTER, PRETENDING TO BE A CUTE LITTLE BOY, WHEN HE'S ACTUALLY SOME SICK SADIST.
HEARTLESS... CRUEL...
You want a reward, don't you, ladies?
HE ACTS UNPREDICTABLY, WITH VIOLENT PASSION...
LOOKING AT HIS TWEETTS UP, UNTIL NOW...
THEIR TENDENCIES...
THE TWEETT A GUY LIKE HIM WOULD HIDE IS...
Please take care of he
—HUH?
IS THIS...

I got on the train safely.
I guess I'll just sleep until I arrive.

Aiji Hoshina
I was having a bad day, so I kind of shoplifted...

I sold the book that I stole to a used bookstore...

I bought ice cream with the money I made.

Aiji Hoshina
This ice cream's delicious...

Off to school~.
Looks like I might just make the train!

Tests are tomorrow!
I hope I can pass Language Arts...

Aiji Hoshina
Someone made a cake for me.
I love cake! lol

Aiji Hoshina
Today while I was walking around the city a scout (?) called out to me but I got scared and ran off lol

Aiji Hoshina
I found an abandoned cat...
Poor thing... I won't abandon you...

Aiji Hoshina

SECRET

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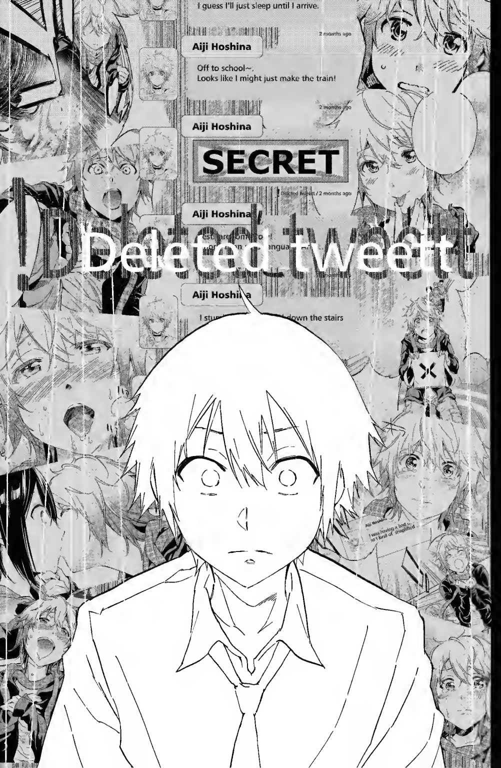
Aiji Hoshina
I stumbled and tripped down the stairs at school today lol

Aiji Hoshina
Yawn, I was studying for the test last night, so I'm kinda sleep deprived

Aiji Hoshina
Aw man, I'm on duty for Africa school clean up.



I guess I'll just sleep until I arrive.

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Aiji Hoshina

Off to school~.
Looks like I might just make the train!

2 months ago

Aiji Hoshina

SECRET

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Aiji Hoshina

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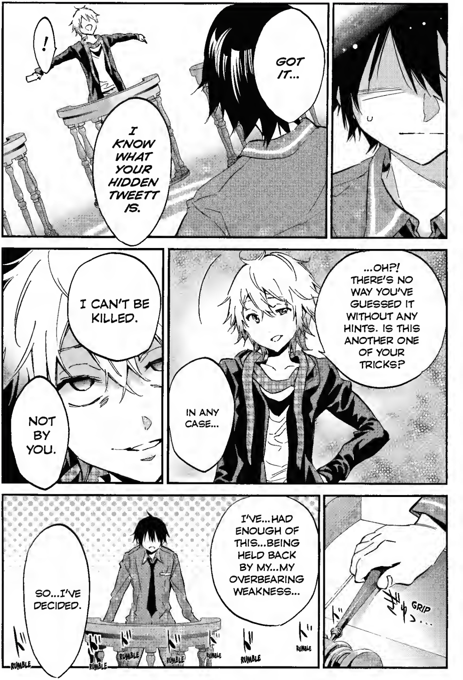
on angua

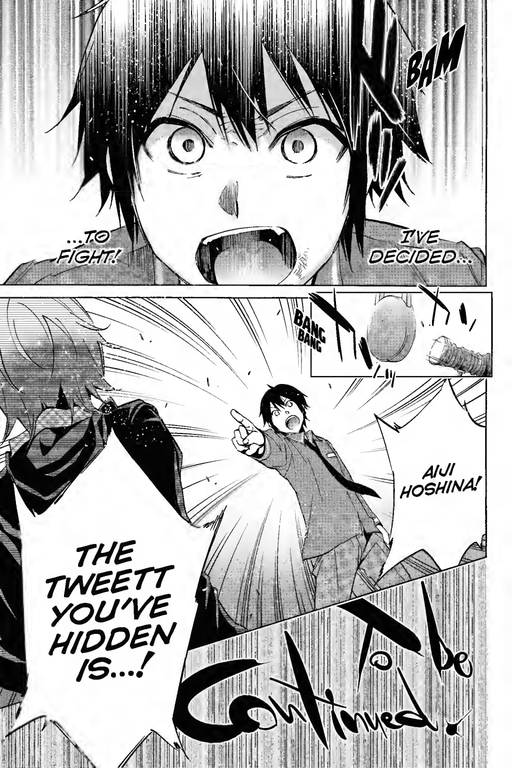
Aiji Hoshina

I stu down the stairs

Aiji Hoshina

I was having a bad
so I kind of shoplifted


GOT IT...
I KNOW WHAT YOUR HIDDEN TWEETT IS.
!
...OH?! THERE'S NO WAY YOU'VE GUESSED IT WITHOUT ANY HINTS. IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR TRICKS?
IN ANY CASE...
I CAN'T BE KILLED.
NOT BY YOU.
ド
ぎゅっ...
GRIP
I'VE...HAD ENOUGH OF THIS...BEING HELD BACK BY MY...MY OVERBEARING WEAKNESS...
SO...I'VE DECIDED.
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE
ド RUMBLE


BAM
I'VE DECIDED...
...TO FIGHT!
BANG BANG
AIJI HOSHINA!
THE TWEETT YOU'VE HIDDEN IS...!
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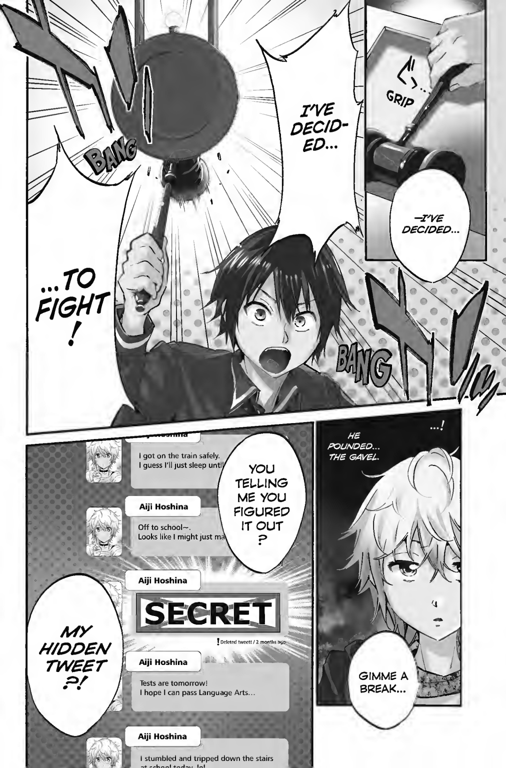
GRIP
—I'VE DECIDED...
BANG
I'VE DECIDED...
...TO FIGHT!
BANG
...!
HE POUNDED... THE GAVEL.
GIMME A BREAK...
YOU TELLING ME YOU FIGURED IT OUT?
MY HIDDEN TWEET?!

Hoshina

I got on the train safely.
I guess I'll just sleep until

Aiji Hoshina

Off to school~.
Looks like I might just ma

Aiji Hoshina

SECRET

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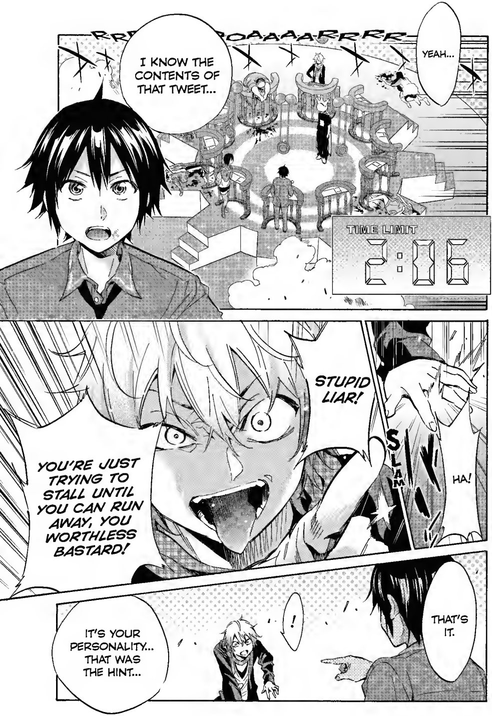
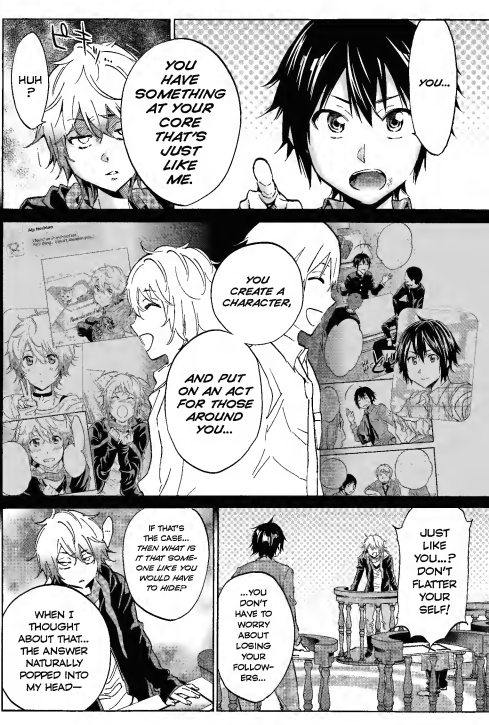
Aiji Hoshina

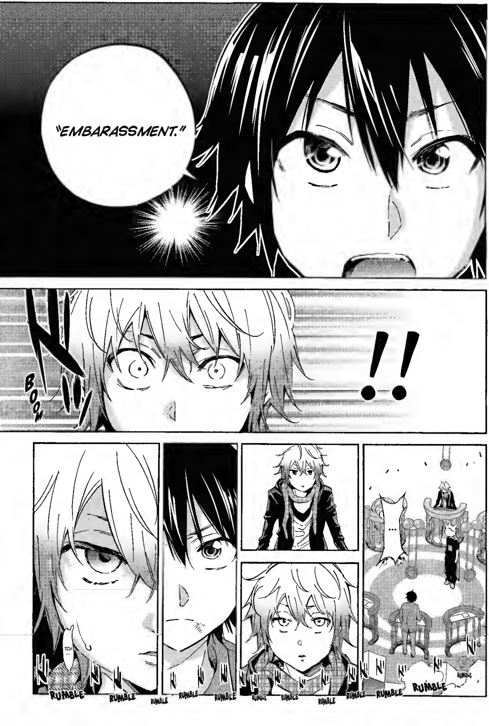
Tests are tomorrow!
I hope I can pass Language Arts...

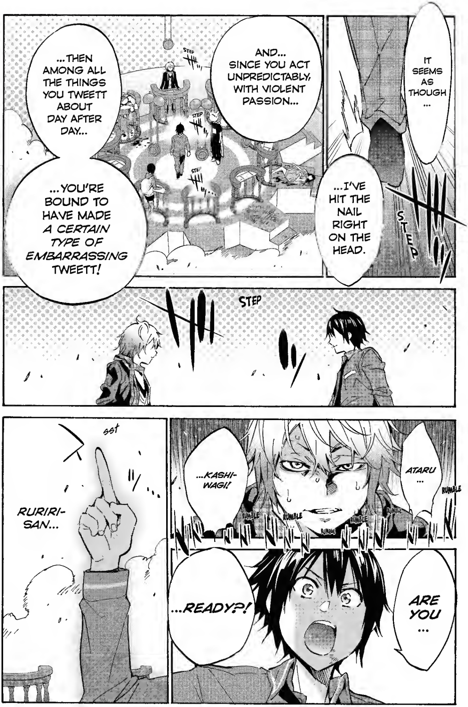
Aiji Hoshina

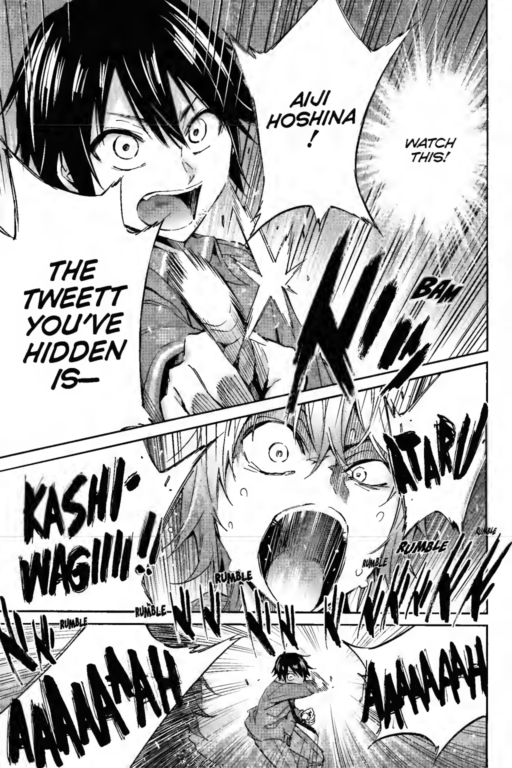
I stumbled and tripped down the stairs
at school today. lol

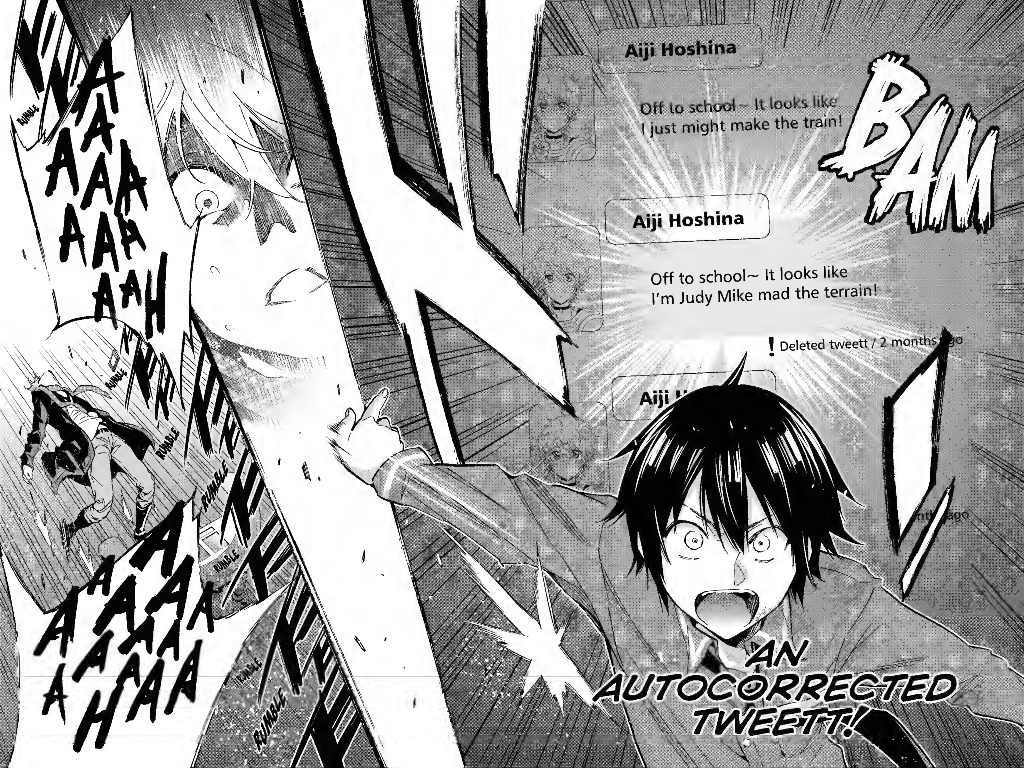

RRR
ROAAAARRRR-
YEAH...
I KNOW THE CONTENTS OF THAT TWEET...
TIME LIMIT
2:06
STUPID LIAR!
HA!
SLAM
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO STALL UNTIL YOU CAN RUN AWAY, YOU WORTHLESS BASTARD!
THAT'S IT.
!
IT'S YOUR PERSONALITY... THAT WAS THE HINT...


YOU...
YOU HAVE SOMETHING AT YOUR CORE THAT'S JUST LIKE ME.
HUH?
ピキッ...
Aiji Hoshino
YOU CREATE A CHARACTER,
AND PUT ON AN ACT FOR THOSE AROUND YOU...
HA HA
JUST LIKE YOU...? DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF!
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LOSING YOUR FOLLOWERS...
IF THAT'S THE CASE... THEN WHAT IS IT THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE TO HIDE?
...
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT... THE ANSWER NATURALLY POPPED INTO MY HEAD—


"EMBARASSMENT."
!!
BOOM
...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
TCH
...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ...
...I'VE HIT THE NAIL RIGHT ON THE HEAD.
STEP
AND... SINCE YOU ACT UNPREDICTABLY, WITH VIOLENT PASSION...
STEP
STEP
STEP
...THEN AMONG ALL THE THINGS YOU TWEETT ABOUT DAY AFTER DAY...
...YOU'RE BOUND TO HAVE MADE *A CERTAIN TYPE OF* EMBARRASSING TWEETT!
STEP
ATARU ...
RUMBLE
...KASHIWAGI!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
ARE YOU ...
...READY?!
sst
RURIRI-SAN...


WATCH THIS!
AIJI HOSHINA!
THE TWEETT YOU'VE HIDDEN IS—
BAM
KASHIWAGIIII!!
ATARU
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AAAAAAAH
AAAAAAAH


BAM
Aiji Hoshina
Off to school~ It looks like I just might make the train!
Aiji Hoshina
Off to school~ It looks like I'm Judy Mike mad the terrain!
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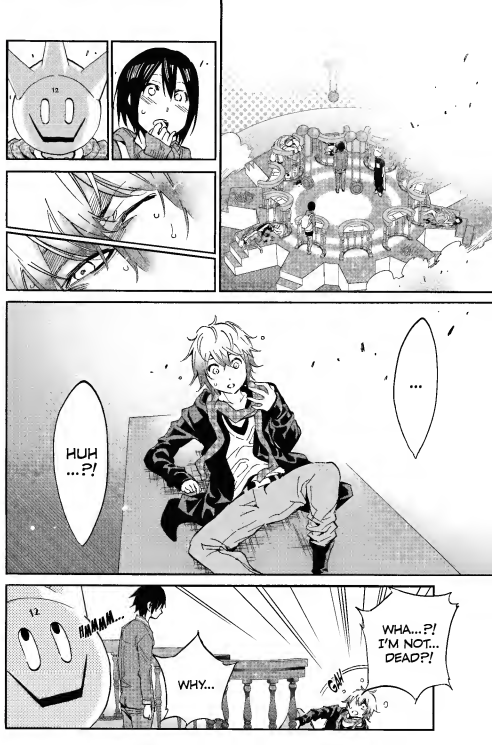
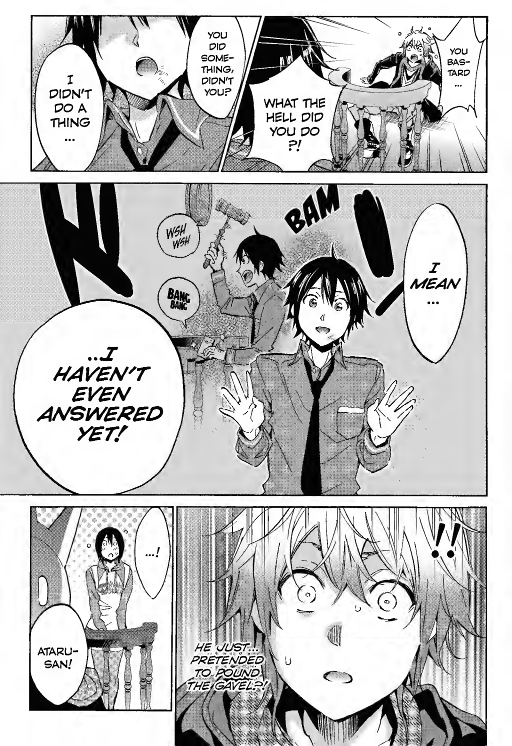
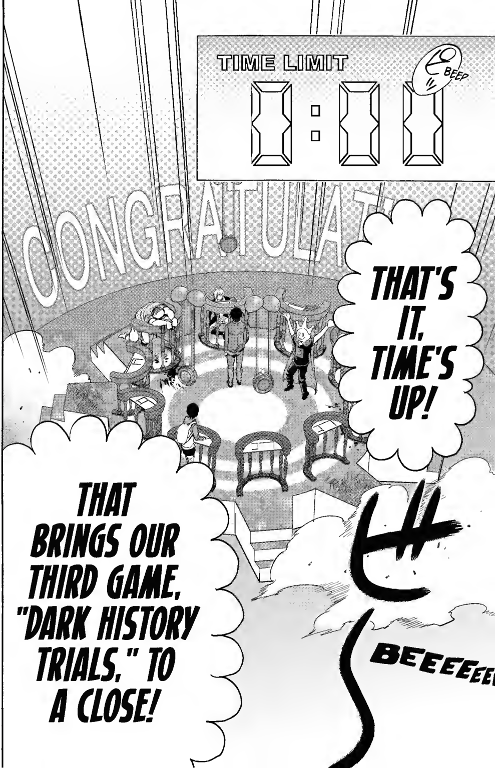
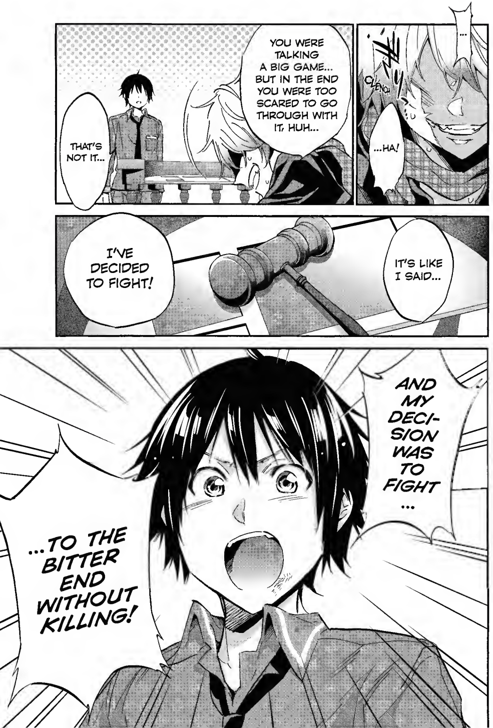
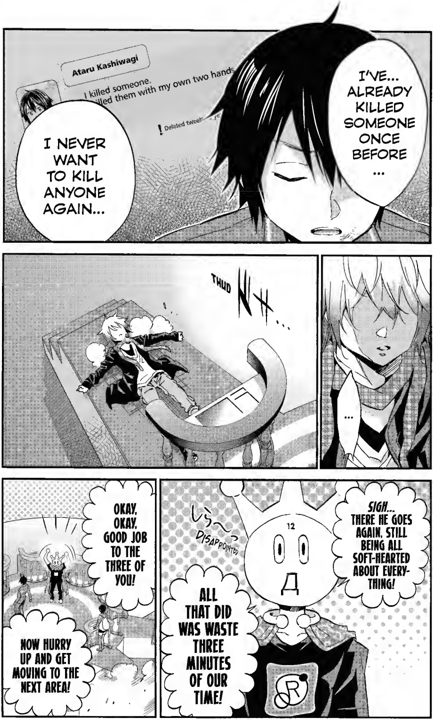
Aiji
AN AUTOCORRECTED TWEETT!
WAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAHAA

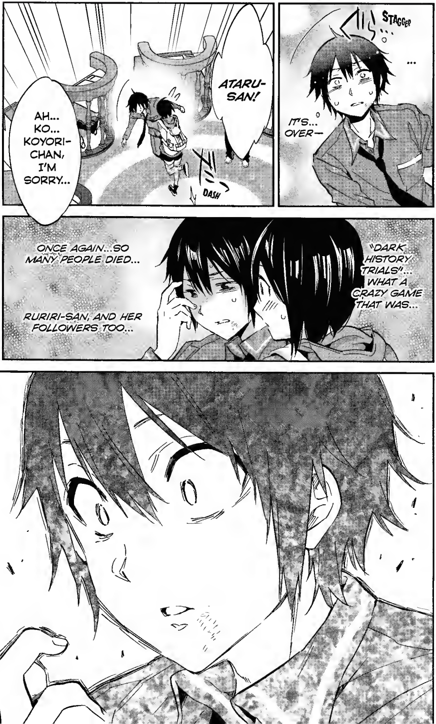

12
...
HUH ...?!
WHA...?! I'M NOT... DEAD?!
GAH
WHY...
12
HMMMM...

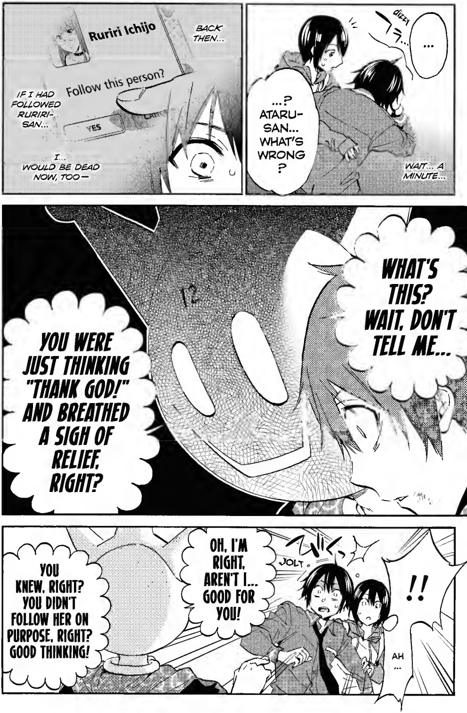

YOU BASTARD ...
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO ?!
YOU DID SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU?
I DIDN'T DO A THING ...
BAM
I MEAN ...
WSH WSH
BANG BANG
...I HAVEN'T EVEN ANSWERED YET!
!!
HE JUST... PRETENDED TO POUND THE GAVEL?!
...!
ATARU-SAN!

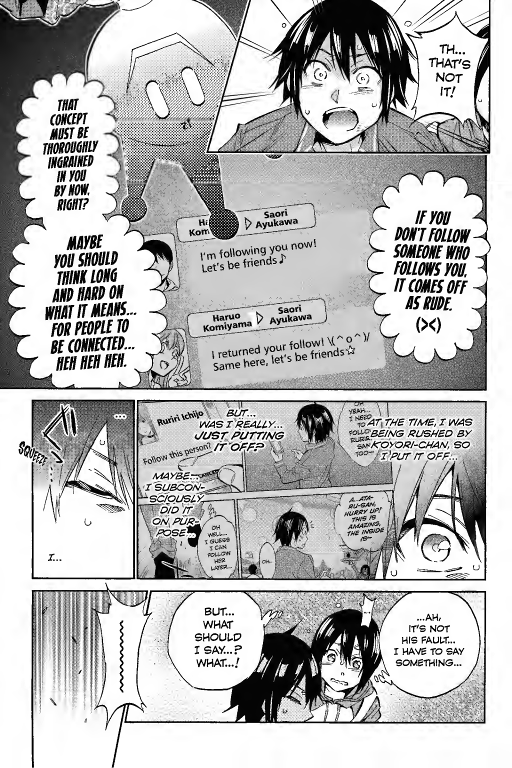

TIME LIMIT
0:00
BEEP
CONGRATULAT
THAT'S IT, TIME'S UP!
THAT BRINGS OUR THIRD GAME, "DARK HISTORY TRIALS," TO A CLOSE!
BEEEEeee


...
CLENCH
...HA!
YOU WERE TALKING A BIG GAME... BUT IN THE END YOU WERE TOO SCARED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT, HUH...
THAT'S NOT IT...
IT'S LIKE I SAID...
I'VE DECIDED TO FIGHT!
AND MY DECISION WAS TO FIGHT...
...TO THE BITTER END WITHOUT KILLING!


I'VE... ALREADY KILLED SOMEONE ONCE BEFORE ...
Ataru Kashiwagi
I killed someone.
illed them with my own two hand
Deleted tweet
I NEVER WANT TO KILL ANYONE AGAIN...
...
THUD
ドサ…
SIGH... THERE HE GOES AGAIN, STILL BEING ALL SOFT-HEARTED ABOUT EVERY-THING!
しら～っ
DISAPPOINTED
12
ALL THAT DID WAS WASTE THREE MINUTES OF OUR TIME!
OKAY, OKAY, GOOD JOB TO THE THREE OF YOU!
NOW HURRY UP AND GET MOVING TO THE NEXT AREA!


STAGGER
...
IT'S... OVER—
ATARU-SAN!
DASH
AH... KO... KOYORI-CHAN, I'M SORRY...
"DARK HISTORY TRIALS"... WHAT A CRAZY GAME THAT WAS...
ONCE AGAIN...SO MANY PEOPLE DIED...
RURIRI-SAN, AND HER FOLLOWERS TOO...


dizzy
...
...? ATARU-SAN... WHAT'S WRONG?
WAIT... A MINUTE...
BACK THEN...
Ruriri Ichijo
Follow this person?
YES
IF I HAD FOLLOWED RURIRI-SAN...
I... WOULD BE DEAD NOW, TOO—
WHAT'S THIS? WAIT, DON'T TELL ME...
12
YOU WERE JUST THINKING "THANK GOD!" AND BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF, RIGHT?
!!
AH ...
JOLT
OH, I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I... GOOD FOR YOU!
YOU KNEW, RIGHT? YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW HER ON PURPOSE, RIGHT? GOOD THINKING!



Ha Kom ▷ Saori Ayukawa

I'm following you now!
Let's be friends♪

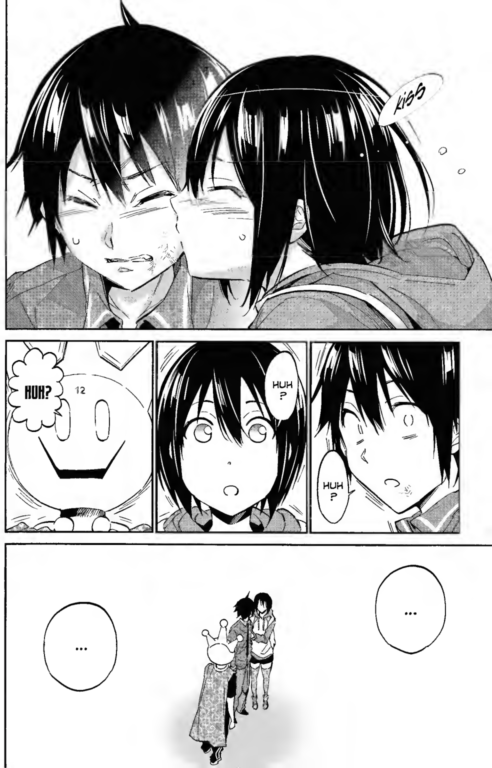
Haruo Komiyama ▷ Saori Ayukawa

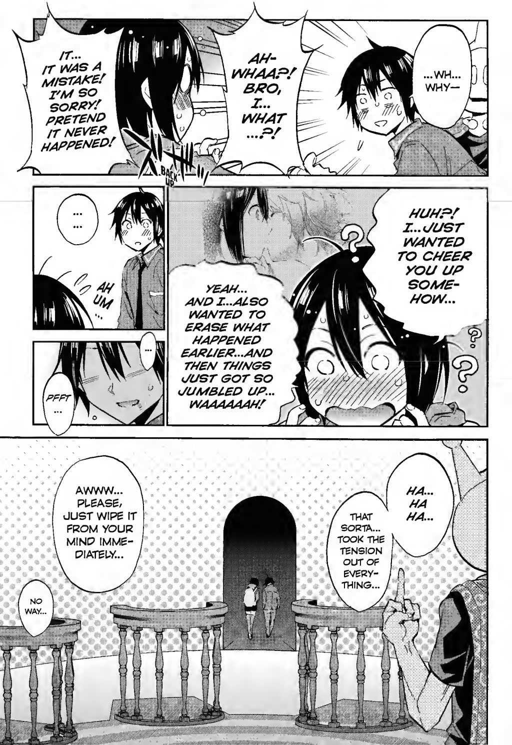
I returned your follow! \(^o^)/
Same here, let's be friends☆

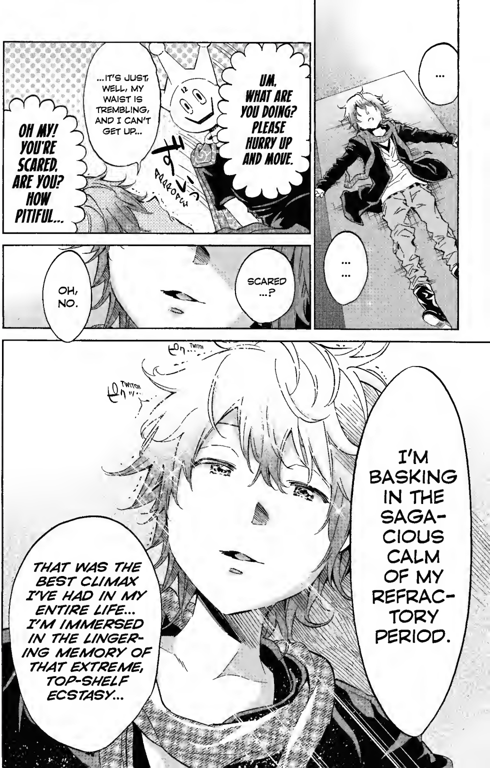
Ruriri Ichijo

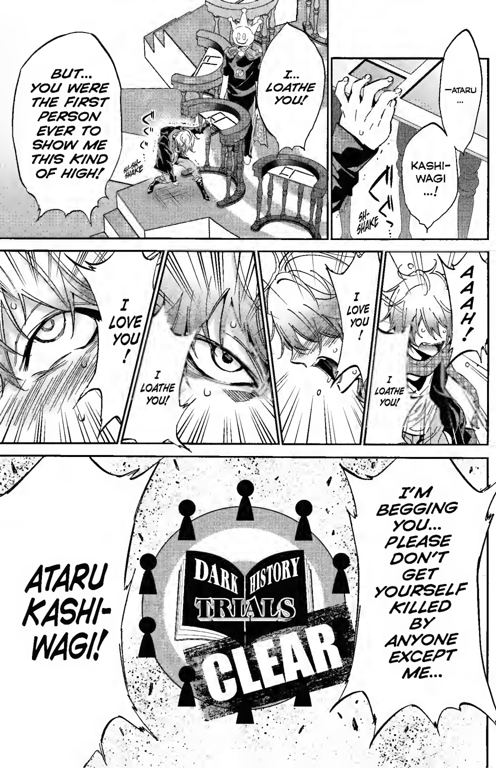
Follow this person?

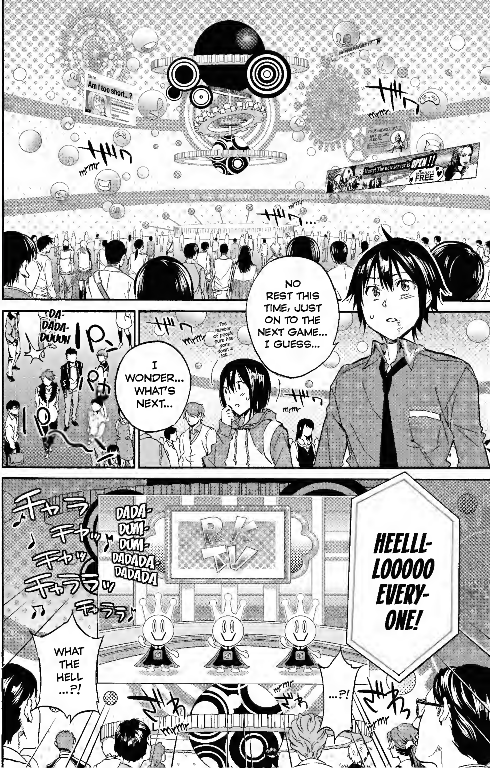
TH... THAT'S NOT IT!
THAT CONCEPT MUST BE THOROUGHLY INGRAINED IN YOU BY NOW. RIGHT?
IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW SOMEONE WHO FOLLOWS YOU, IT COMES OFF AS RUDE. (><)
MAYBE YOU SHOULD THINK LONG AND HARD ON WHAT IT MEANS... FOR PEOPLE TO BE CONNECTED... HEH HEH HEH.
OH YEAH... I NEED TO FOLLOW RURIRI-SAN TOO--
AT THE TIME, I WAS BEING RUSHED BY KOYORI-CHAN, SO I PUT IT OFF...
A...ATARU-SAN, HURRY UP! THIS IS AMAZING, THE INSIDE IS--
OH...
OH WELL... I GUESS I CAN FOLLOW HER LATER...
BUT... WAS I REALLY... JUST PUTTING IT OFF?
MAYBE... I SUBCONSCIOUSLY DID IT ON PURPOSE...
...
SQUEEZE
I...
...AH, IT'S NOT HIS FAULT... I HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING...
BUT... WHAT SHOULD I SAY...? WHAT...!

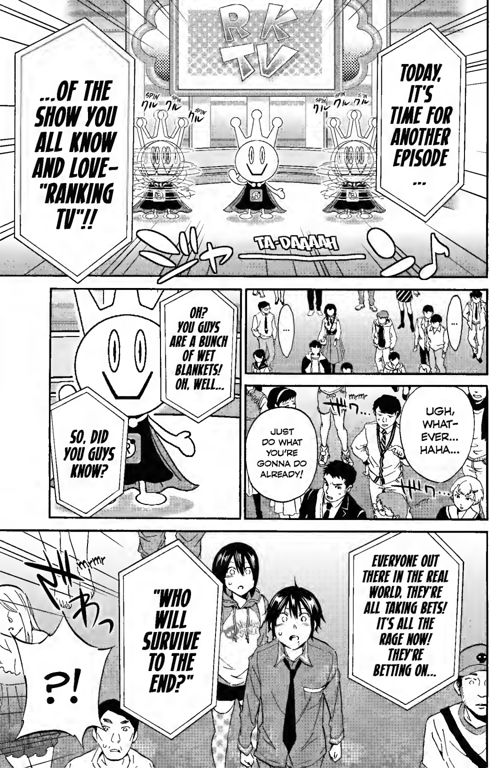

kiss
HUH ?
HUH ?
HUH?
12
...
...

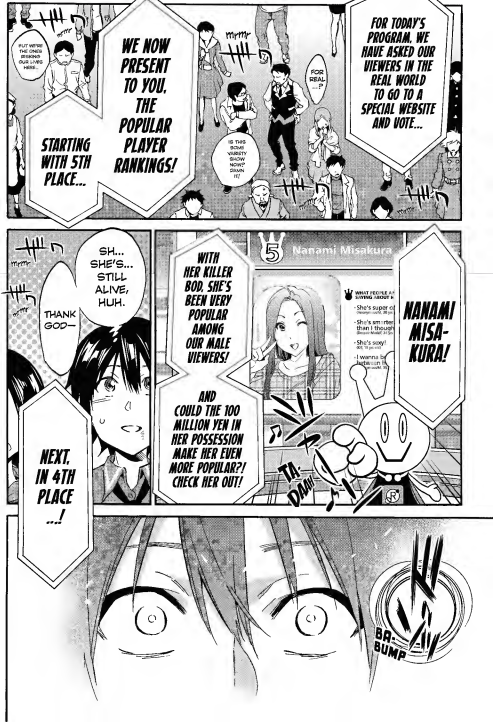

...WH... WHY—
AH-WHAA?! BRO, I... WHAT ...?!
IT... IT WAS A MISTAKE! I'M SO SORRY! PRETEND IT NEVER HAPPENED!
BACK UP
HUH?! I...JUST WANTED TO CHEER YOU UP SOMEHOW...
YEAH... AND I...ALSO WANTED TO ERASE WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER...AND THEN THINGS JUST GOT SO JUMBLED UP... WAAAAAAH!
... ...
AH UM ...
...
PFFT ...
HA... HA HA...
THAT SORTA... TOOK THE TENSION OUT OF EVERYTHING...
AWWW... PLEASE, JUST WIPE IT FROM YOUR MIND IMMEDIATELY...
NO WAY...

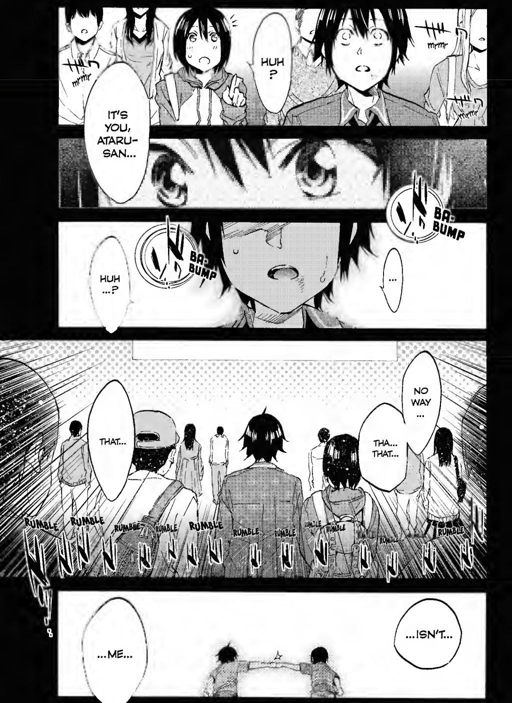

...
UM, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PLEASE HURRY UP AND MOVE.
...IT'S JUST, WELL, MY WAIST IS TREMBLING, AND I CAN'T GET UP...
OH MY! YOU'RE SCARED, ARE YOU? HOW PITIFUL...
... ...
SCARED ...?
OH, NO.
TWITCH
TWITCH
I'M BASKING IN THE SAGACIOUS CALM OF MY REFRACTORY PERIOD.
THAT WAS THE BEST CLIMAX I'VE HAD IN MY ENTIRE LIFE... I'M IMMERSED IN THE LINGERING MEMORY OF THAT EXTREME, TOP-SHELF ECSTASY...

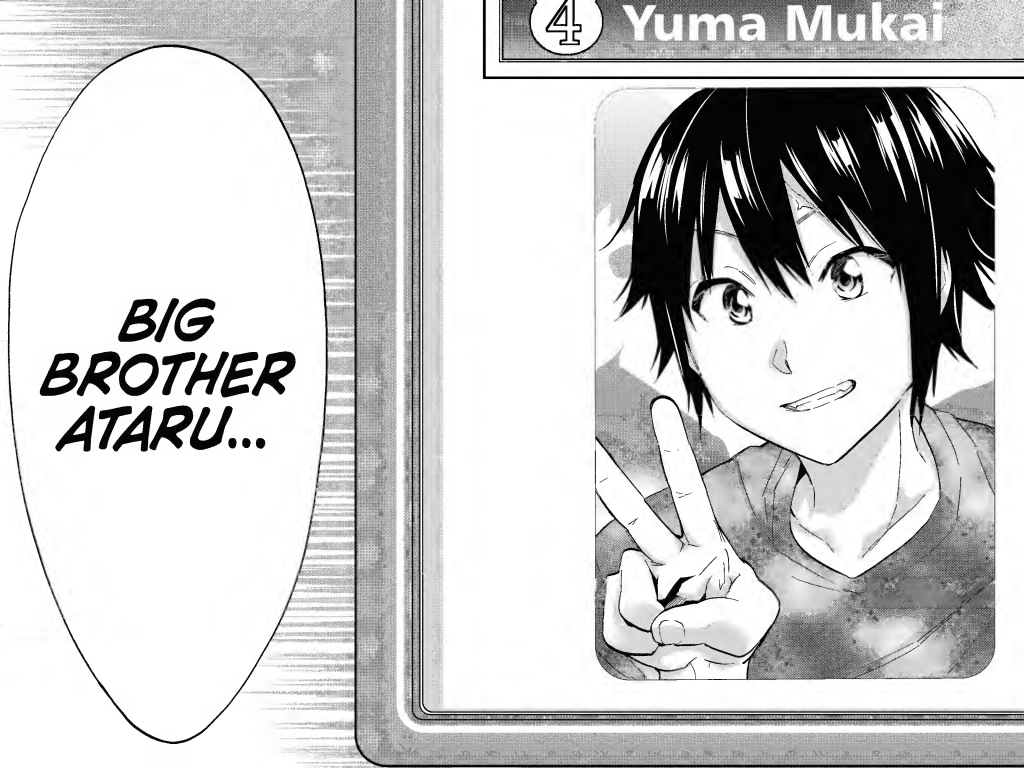

—ATARU...
KASHIWAGI...!
SH-SHAKE
I... LOATHE YOU!
BUT... YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON EVER TO SHOW ME THIS KIND OF HIGH!
SH-SH-SHAKE
AAAAH!
I LOATHE YOU!
I LOVE YOU!
I LOATHE YOU!
I LOVE YOU!
I'M BEGGING YOU... PLEASE DON'T GET YOURSELF KILLED BY ANYONE EXCEPT ME...
DARK HISTORY TRIALS
CLEAR
ATARU KASHIWAGI!

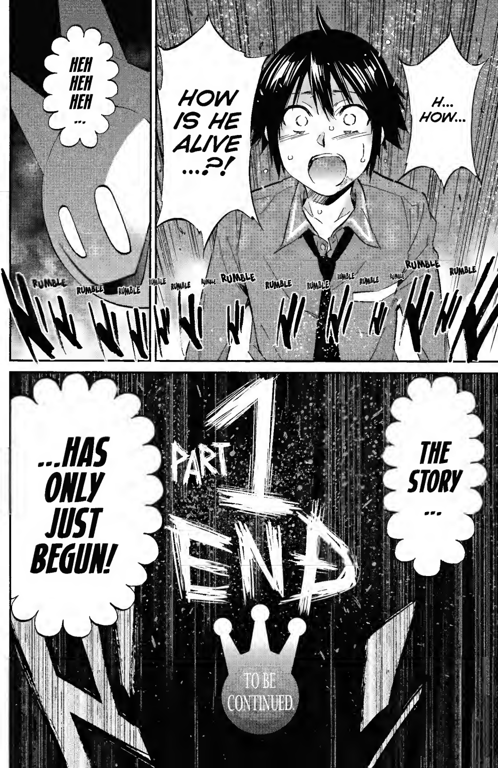

Oh no
Am I too short...?
VIRUS BREAKER 2012
SAFE. SECURE. BLESSED.
Hurry! The new server is OPEN!!
BASIC PLAY IS FREE
mrmr
mrmr
mrmr...
NO REST THIS TIME, JUST ON TO THE NEXT GAME... I GUESS...
The number of people sure has gone down a lot...
mrmr
I WONDER... WHAT'S NEXT...
mrmr
DA-DADA-DUUUN
HEELLL-LOOOOO EVERY-ONE!
RKTV
DADA-DUM-DUM-DADADA-DADADA
チャラ チャッ チャッ チャララッ チャララ
...?!
mrmr
mrmr
WHAT THE HELL ...?!
mrmr


RK TV
TODAY, IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER EPISODE ...
...OF THE SHOW YOU ALL KNOW AND LOVE—"RANKING TV"!!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
TA-DAAAAH
...
...
...
UGH, WHAT-EVER... HAHA...
JUST DO WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO ALREADY!
mrmr
mrmr
OH? YOU GUYS ARE A BUNCH OF WET BLANKETS! OH, WELL...
SO, DID YOU GUYS KNOW?
EVERYONE OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD, THEY'RE ALL TAKING BETS! IT'S ALL THE RAGE NOW! THEY'RE BETTING ON...
"WHO WILL SURVIVE TO THE END?"
mrmr
?!


FOR TODAY'S PROGRAM, WE HAVE ASKED OUR VIEWERS IN THE REAL WORLD TO GO TO A SPECIAL WEBSITE AND VOTE...
FOR REAL ...?
mrmr
WE NOW PRESENT TO YOU, THE POPULAR PLAYER RANKINGS!
IS THIS SOME VARIETY SHOW NOW? DAMN IT!
mrmr
BUT WE'RE THE ONES RISKING OUR LIVES HERE...
STARTING WITH 5TH PLACE...
mrmr
mrmr
5
Nanami Misakura
NANAMI MISA-KURA!
WHAT PEOPLE A
SAYING ABOUT H
She's super cu
(Anonymous/M, 20 yrs
She's smarter than I though
(Despair Mark/F, 34 yrs
She's sexy!
(Kif, 18 yrs old)
I wanna b between h
nymous/M, 35
WITH HER KILLER BOD, SHE'S BEEN VERY POPULAR AMONG OUR MALE VIEWERS!
AND COULD THE 100 MILLION YEN IN HER POSSESSION MAKE HER EVEN MORE POPULAR?! CHECK HER OUT!
TA-DAAH!
SH... SHE'S... STILL ALIVE, HUH.
THANK GOD—
mrmr
mrmr
NEXT, IN 4TH PLACE ...!
BA-BUMP


mrmr
mrmr
HUH?
mrmr
IT'S YOU, ATARU-SAN...
BA-BUMP
...
BA-BUMP
HUH...?
NO WAY...
THA... THAT...
THAT...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
...ISN'T...
...ME...


④ Yuma Mukai
BIG BROTHER ATARU...


H... HOW...
HOW IS HE ALIVE ...?!
HEH HEH HEH ...
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
THE STORY ...
...HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN!
PART 1 END
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Shizumu Watanabe **Okushou**

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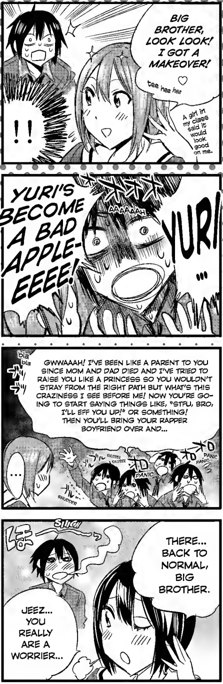
BIG BROTHER, LOOK LOOK! I GOT A MAKEOVER!
tee hee hee ♡
A girl in my class said it would look good on me.
!!
YURI'S BECOME A BAD APPLE-EEEE!
AAAAAAH
YURI...
bla bla
GWWAAAH! I'VE BEEN LIKE A PARENT TO YOU SINCE MOM AND DAD DIED AND I'VE TRIED TO RAISE YOU LIKE A PRINCESS SO YOU WOULDN'T STRAY FROM THE RIGHT PATH BUT WHAT'S THIS CRAZINESS I SEE BEFORE ME! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO START SAYING THINGS LIKE, "STFU, BRO, I'LL EFF YOU UP!" OR SOMETHING! THEN YOU'LL BRING YOUR RAPPER BOYFRIEND OVER AND...
PANIC PANIC
PANIC
SHUDDER SHUDDER
SHUDDER
...
SIIGH
THERE... BACK TO NORMAL, BIG BROTHER.
JEEZ... YOU REALLY ARE A WORRIER...

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REAL INTERVIEW!

ADVENT OF THE FLAME KING!

Nankai Candies
RYOTA YAMASATO
Manga Artist
SHIZUMU WATANABE

Born on April 14, 1977 in Chiba prefecture, Ryota Yamasato is known for his role as the "straight-man" in the comedy duo "Nankai Candies." He is also actively involved in a wide range of other roles, including solo performances on variety shows as well as work as a narrator and radio personality.

> ***"Sometimes I see negative opinions about my work and I get depressed."***
>
> *- Watanabe*

YAMASATO: People are finally starting to realize that it's terrifying how surprisingly fast a picture can spread all over the world when you share it to just ten or twenty followers. There was a guy that got ganged up on for uploading a picture of himself putting a tabasco bottle up his nose at a family restaurant. I seriously wondered why an idiot like that would want to get lynched on the Internet over something like that.

WATANABE: What are the Twitters of your fellow comedians like? Do you follow each other's Twitter after you work together or something...?

YAMASATO: Well, honestly there are times where I'm put in an uncomfortable position because someone says, "Found you, please follow me!" and I think, "I'll just pretend like I never saw that" (laughs bitterly). I'm not really under any obligation or anything, but I guess I'm saying that I try to be careful.

WATANABE: That's one of the things about social media that can really wear you out.

YAMASATO: It's a worry I could do without.

WATANABE: Do you ever feel like you don't want to do Twitter anymore?

YAMASATO: No, I don't. It's very convenient as a tool for making announcements and the speed at which that information travels is very useful. I even use twitter in live performances, so it's simply fun. And even though there is some flaming, I'm really happy when people compliment me. Using Twitter to accomplish something isn't bad, but it is bad when Twitter becomes the only stage on which you speak.

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WATANABE: Come to think of it, I've rarely ever googled myself and come away feeling good about it. That's why I've started searching "*Real Account* is interesting" instead (laughs).

YAMASATO: Yeah, yeah! That's what you should do.

WATANABE: But how can people just attack other people on social media like that, saying such dishonest things about them? I don't understand the psychology of it.

YAMASATO: What's amazing to me is how people can say, "You're totally useless" to people who are doing their best. I guess by saying that to them they are putting themselves above the other person. Because when you insult someone, you put yourself in a position where you are on the higher ground. I'll bet it feels good. But in a way, those people are fans too. Sometimes nobody is watching you more closely than the people who speak badly of you.

WATANABE: Yeah, you're right! There are some who launch at you over the smallest of details, and it makes you think, "Wow, they really are reading into every nook and cranny!" (laughs).

YAMASATO: Exactly! They've made me notice such things as, "This comment has been posted a lot" or "I've been using this phrase a lot lately." (Laughs). I block comments with no creativity like "piece of shit," "idiot," and "go die," but anyone whose comment points things out in concrete terms—I mean, I wouldn't call it tough love, but I'm not really insulted either, even if they write "go die" at the end.

WATANABE:Right now in the story, we are progressing through a game called "The Dark History Trials" where users have to find each other's embarrassing tweets to reduce one another's number of followers. On that note, I was wondering if you have any tweets you want to delete?

YAMASATO: Well...like some radio DJ, I've posted things like, "Budding cherry blossoms, facing spring, start to get serious about blooming" and afterwards, I would think, "Wow, that was lame," and get really embarrassed. I've also tweeted "I'm going to listen to JUJU while in the bath" and then had fans get really angry at me. They even commented, "Apologize to JUJU!" (laughs). I thought to myself that I really shouldn't tweet things like that...but I haven't caused any incidents or anything, so I guess there's no harm in it.

WATANABE: Speaking of incidents, a lot of times pictures of people get spread around after being uploaded to social media, and that causes trouble.

YAMASATO: Yeah, it's pretty much like at school where a classmate shows everyone a picture and says, "Check out this hilarious picture I took yesterday!" (laughs).

WATANABE: Except that the picture is shown to the whole world...

> ***"I've been told, 'go die' and 'I'll kill you' over 80 times, so now I'm not fazed at all (laughs)."***
>
> *- Yamasato*

YAMASATO: Yeah, it does come up from time to time (laughs).

WATANABE: **Does that scare you in the real world?**

YAMASATO: **Death threats that look serious are scary (laughs). Once, I got a real death threat—one that includes date, time, and how they'd do it—and I became very nervous when walking at night. I stopped listening to music and the like because I thought I'd be in real trouble if I were unable to hear footsteps and things around me (laughs).**

WATANABE: **That's scary!**

YAMASATO: **I know, right? Once I got a message saying that someone had hired a Russian assassin to kill me (huge laughter). You would usually never think that could happen to you, right? But the probability isn't zero. Thanks to that, my heart would stop every time I saw someone who looked like they could be a Russian assassin (laughs).**

WATANABE: **How do you handle it mentally when that happens? Don't you get depressed? When I google myself, sometimes I see negative opinions about my work and I get depressed.**

YAMASATO: **I've been told, "go die" and "I'll kill you" over 80 times, so now I'm not fazed at all (laughs). I tell myself that if I get upset over it, they win. Speaking of googling yourself, what's bad about that is how 999 good comments will all be erased by just one piece of criticism. The damage that negative comments can inflict through social media is too severe! But a lot of people who say things like that are people who haven't accomplished anything in their lives. It's just ridiculous for hard working people to feel defeated by attacks from people like that!**

WATANABE: Thank you so much for reading my work.

YAMASATO: It was really interesting! Despite being suddenly thrust into the opening scene, I quickly became immersed in the world. I thought to myself, "What if I were in Real Account?" and came up with a number of interesting situations. Coupled with the art, it became quite terrifying.

WATANABE: Thank you very much!

YAMASATO: I think that as everyone reads this manga, they must think to themselves, "Hey, that's me in this story!" I felt as if this were a new kind of manga we haven't seen before.

WATANABE: (Earnestly) That makes me very happy...

YAMASATO: No, really! I'm not really in any position to say much, but when I read it, I was shaking with fear. Especially reading about characters who, like me, get caught up in lots of flaming on the Internet (laughs).

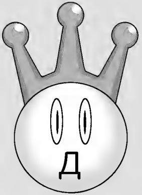
WATANABE: (Laughs) Flaming happens quite a lot on Twitter, huh.

YAMASATO: Yeah, Taku Suzuki-san*1, Muramoto*2, and I are basically "The Three Trashy Entertainer Brothers of Flaming" (laughs). At its worst, I'll tweet something like, "Good morning," and I get comments like "You should apologize to the morning itself, jerk!" (laughs). That doesn't really scare me though, more than anything else, I'm impressed that someone can get angry from something like that.

WATANABE: (Laughs) And they can be pretty frank about their plans to kill you as well.

**1: Taku Suzuki- He plays the "straight-man" in the comedy duo, "Drunk Dragon." He was once criticized for his actions when performing in TV shows and was driven to take a break from Twitter.*

**2: Daisuke Muramoto- He plays the "funny-man" in the comedy duo, "Woman Rush Hour." He has been flamed continuously for making extreme and provocative tweets on Twitter.*



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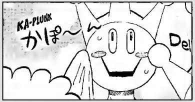

KA-PLUNK

"KA-PLUNK" is the sound made by a bamboo device called a "shishiodoshi" or "deer-scare" and is used to scare birds and other unwanted animals away from gardens. It works by pumping water into a hollow piece of bamboo until it fills and tips over, hitting the ground with a "ka-plunk." This sound is often used in anime and manga, particularly in hot-spring bathing scenes.

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K.K. (Kabushiki Kaisha)

The term K.K. stands for "Kabushiki Kaisha" meaning "joint-stock company," a type of company that is very common in Japan. A joint stock company is a business that falls between a partnership and a corporation. In this type of company, shareholders are allowed to buy and own company stocks. This allows shareholders to own more stock than the company possesses, thus owning more of the company. However, in a joint-stock company, shareholders are also liable for any debts the company cannot pay themselves.

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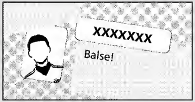

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Balse!

BALSE

"Balse" is a reference to Hayao Miyazaki's 1986 animated film, *Laputa: Castle in the Sky*. Also spelled "Balus," this term is the magic incantation used in the movie to destroy Castle Laputa. Users on popular sites such as Twitter, and 2channel often post the spell on the annual broadcast of *Castle in the Sky* on Japanese television. On the 2013 broadcast of *Castle in the Sky* Twitter reported that Balse had been tweeted 143,199 times a second, breaking the world record for most tweets per second.

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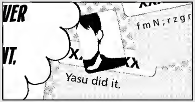

Yasu did it.

Yasu did it

"Yasu did it" is a meme that originated from the 1985 investigation adventure game, *The Portopia Serial Murder Incident*, for the Famicom Console. In the game, the player plays the role of the detective, trying to solve the murder of the president of a bank company. The player is a silent protagonist, so most of the commands are executed by the player's assistant named Yasuhiko (Yasu) Mano. The line "Yasu did it" came from a late night radio show called "Beat Takeshi, All Night Nippon" where the host, famous comedian and director Takeshi Kitano, did a live playthrough of the game and in the middle of it all, says "The killer's this Yasu guy, ain't it?" From there the phrase spread as a joke and became one of the most well known spoilers in Japan.

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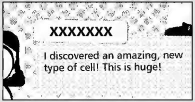

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I discovered an amazing, new type of cell! This is huge!

STAP Cells Scandal

Haruko Obokata is a former stem cell biologist who claimed in an article published in *Nature* to have developed a method to grow tissue from STEM cells that could be used on any part of the body. She called her method STAP which stands for "Stimulus-Triggered Acquisition of Pluripotency." However, after her paper was published, other scientists attempted to recreate her results and failed. It was discovered that the results she found was due to contamination of embryonic stem cells. In November 2015, Obokata's Ph.D in biomedical engineering was revoked as a result.

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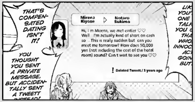
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THAT'S COMPENSATED DATING ISN'T IT!
YOU THOUGHT YOU SENT A PRIVATE MESSAGE, BUT ACCIDENTALLY SENT A TWEETT INSTEAD!

Mirena Kiyose ▷ Notaro Sukimo

Hi, I'm Mirena, we met earlier ♡♡
Well... I'm actually kind of short on cash so... This is really sudden but, can you meet me tomorrow? How does 50,000 yen (not including the cost of the hotel room) sound? Can't wait to see you ♡♡

! Deleted Tweett / 3 years ago

COMPENSATED DATING

This is a service where young girls or boys go on dates with clients in exchange for money or expensive gifts. Most often this term refers to prostitution services provided by schoolgirls. Clients are mostly rich middle-aged men, and sessions may or may not include sexual interactions. Compensated dating is highly frowned upon in Japan and illegal in cases that involve minors and/or sexual intercourse.

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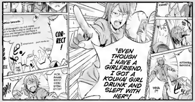
CAME!
"EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, I GOT A KOUHAI GIRL DRUNK AND SLEPT WITH HER"!
WHA ?!
CORRECT!
ACK AAAH, STOP STOP, STOP, STOP!

KOUHAI

Kouhai means "underclassman" and is the opposite of 'senpai', meaning "upperclassman." It is used to indicate someone who is less experienced or junior to the speaker. Japanese society places much importance on the concept of seniority. The senpai-kouhai relationship is not only an important concept in school life; it is also important at work and in any other group-related activities. The kouhai is expected to listen to and respect the senpai, and in return the senpai is expected to set an example and lead the kouhai. It is also important to note that the role of senpai and kouhai is strictly determined by how many years someone has been doing a certain activity and has nothing to do with a person's actual ability.

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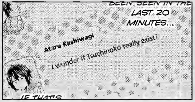
BEEN SEEN IN THE LAST 20 MINUTES...
Ataru Kashiwagi
I wonder if Tsuchinoko really exist?
IF THAT'S

TSUCHINOKO

A snake-like creature found in Japanese legends. Their girth is described to be thicker than their head or tail. They are said to be venomous and able to jump up to a meter in height. In Japanese legend, it is said that they can also talk and that they love to drink alcohol. They are also able to bite their tail so they can roll around. Today they often appear in video games, some examples being *Metal Gear Solid* and *Katamari Damacy.*

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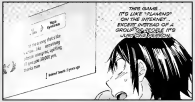
THIS GAME... IT'S LIKE "FLAMING" ON THE INTERNET... EXCEPT INSTEAD OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE IT'S JUST ONE PERSON.
Yuya Kyukawa
me a song that's like ... like ... something intense, energetic, uplifting I'll give you 30,000 yen, thanks man
Deleted Tweet / 3 years ago

FLAMING

Flaming is an Internet term for the act of posting offensive messages over the Internet. It is very similar to the term "trolling" but has one fundamental difference—intent. Trolls usually just post offensive messages to cause as much disruption and argument as they can—they do it "for the lulz," because they find it funny. Flames are written to cause harm to a certain individual or group of people to satisfy one's own ego.

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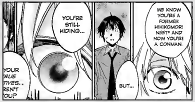
WE KNOW YOU'RE A FORMER HIKIKOMORI NEET* AND NOW YOU'RE A CONMAN.
BUT...
YOU'RE STILL HIDING...
YOUR TRUE TIVES.. REN'T OU?

NEET

An abbreviation for "Not in Education, Employment, or Training." It's a slang term that is used for someone who is unemployed, doesn't do housework, isn't enrolled in any education or training. It often refers to someone between the ages of 16 and 30 who is usually living off their parents' money.

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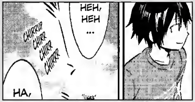
HEH, HEH ...
CHIRRUP CHIRR CHIRR CHIRRR
HA,

CHIRRUP

"Chirrup" is the sound made by cicadas to attract a mate. Cicadas spend most of their lives underground, only coming out in the summer to mate and die. Cicadas can be found in most areas in Japan. Therefore, in anime and manga, the sound of cicadas indicates that it is most likely summer.

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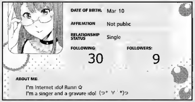
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AFFILIATION Not public
RELATIONSHIP STATUS Single
FOLLOWING 30
FOLLOWERS: 9
ABOUT ME
I'm Internet idol Runn ✩
I'm a singer and a gravure idol (⊃*´∀`*)⊃

GRAVURE IDOL

A gravure idol is a Japanese term for a female model who models primarily for magazines marketed to men. Gravure comes from the English word rotogravure which was an old method used to print illustrated magazines. Gravure idols emphasize their sexual appeal by wearing bikinis, school girl uniforms, and lingerie and posing in provocative poses. Many mainstream idols gain their fame by starting out as gravure idols, often releasing their own DVDs and photo albums.

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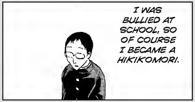
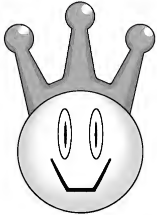

I WAS BULLIED AT SCHOOL, SO OF COURSE I BECAME A HIKIKOMORI.

HIKIKOMORI

Hikikomori is a Japanese term for someone who has withdrawn from social life entirely. They often confine themselves to their house or their room, refusing to go out even to take care of their basic needs. *Hikikomori* are diagnosed through six different criteria: Spending most of the day confined to the house, avoidance of social situations, abnormal behaviors that significantly interfere with the person's normal routine, the belief that withdrawal from society is necessary for themselves, persisting for a period of longer than six months, and having no other social disorders.



Artist:

Shizumu Watanabe

Twitter account: @shizumukun

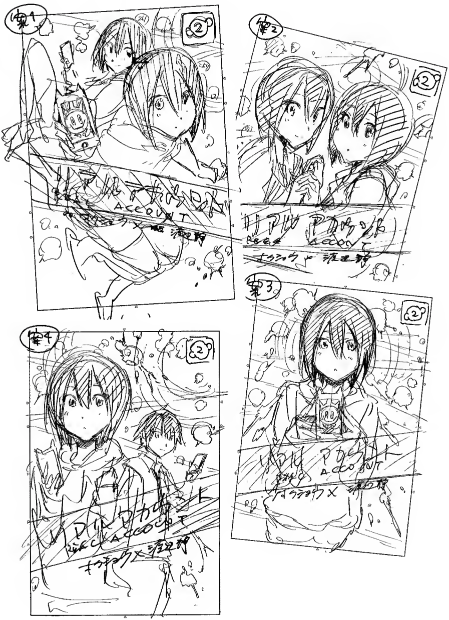
I started this series thinking, "I want to create a work that will surprise readers!" But there were a lot of surprising things that happened outside the work, so in the end, I think I was the most surprised. I hope that I'll continue to be surprised from now on! ...And if possible, I hope that those surprises will be pleasant ones.

Author:

Okushou

Twitter account @okushou

It's the 2nd volume! The theme of this volume is "Dark History." Doesn't everyone have at least one piece of Dark History that they don't want to tell anyone? I have a ton! lol. I would be really happy if this volume would be useful in preventing Internet flaming for all of you...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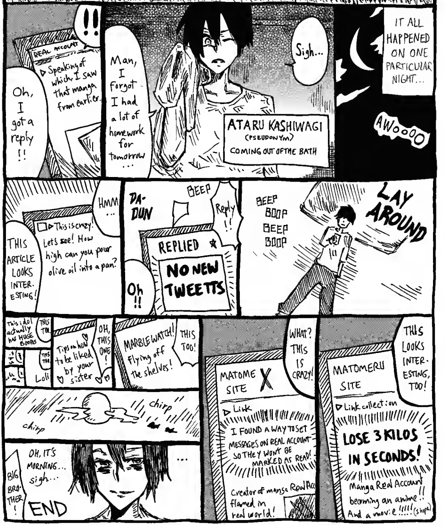
Please compare them with the cover art. Which one do you like?

- Shizumu Watanabe

Ataru's TRUE Scary Story!!

Submitted by Okusho


IT ALL HAPPENED ON ONE PARTICULAR NIGHT...
AWOOOO
Sigh...
ATARU KASHIWAGI (PSEUDONYM) COMING OUT OF THE BATH
Man, I forgot I had a lot of homework for tomorrow...
!!
REAL ACCOUNT
▷ Speaking of which, I saw that manga from earlier.
Oh, I got a reply!!
LAY AROUND
BEEP BOOP BEEP BOOP
BEEP
Reply!!
DA-DUN
REPLIED ★
NO NEW TWEETTS
Oh!!
HMM...
☐▷ This is crazy! Let's see! How high can you pour olive oil into a pan?
THIS ARTICLE LOOKS INTERESTING!
THIS LOOKS INTERESTING, TOO!
MATOMERU SITE
▷ Link collection
LOSE 3 KILOS IN SECONDS!
Manga Real Account becoming an anime!! And a movie!!!!! (I hope)
WHAT? THIS IS CRAZY!
MATOME SITE X
▷ Link
I FOUND A WAY TO SET MESSAGES ON REAL ACCOUNT SO THEY WON'T BE MARKED AS READ!
Creator of manga Real Acc flamed in real world!
THIS TOO!
MARBLE WATCH! Flying off the shelves!
OH, THIS ONE!
Tips on how to be liked by your sister
THIS TOO.
This idol actually has HUGE BOOBS
THIS TOO.
Loli
chirp
chirp
...
OH, IT'S MORNING... sigh...
BIG BROTHER!
END

PLEASE DON'T REPEAT THIS AT HOME. THE ENDLESS LOOP OF LINKS FOUND ON MATOME SITES ARE DANGEROUS.

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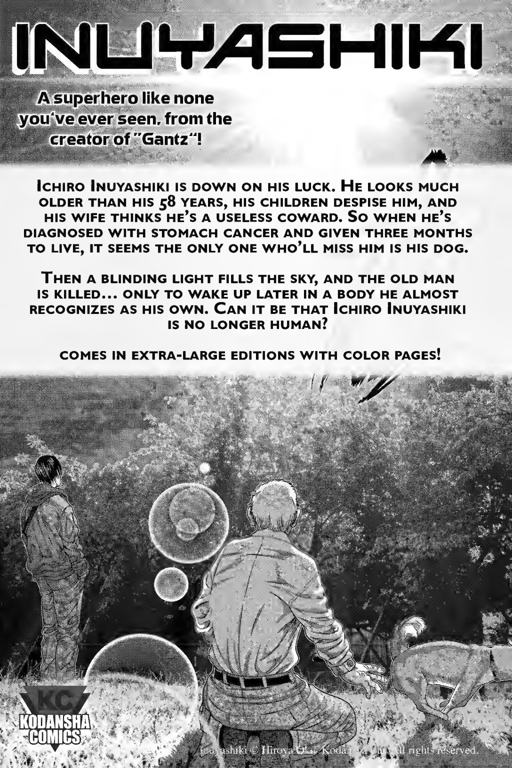

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